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"Bee" sure to store your knowledge. Mid-terms arrive soon!

Photo by Ron Crowley

Student reaction to O.J. acquittal mixed

It's over. He's free.

O.J. Simpson was acquitted this week on two counts of murdering his ex-wife and her male friend.

For 16 months this story dominated the news. With the trial's conclusion, Niagara News sought the reaction of the Niagara College community to the verdict.

"I think he is guilty, but I'm glad he got off," Kevin Dinnocenzo, 19, a Law and Security Administration (LASA) program student. "It shows the American justice system is not what it is cracked up to be."

"It's ridiculous. Ludicrous. Americans were bought by Cochrane's melodramatic performance instead of the hard-core evidence," said Dennis Gurnick, 22, a second-year Computer Programming program student from Welland. "If the trial would have been held in Canada, he would have been found guilty."

"I knew he was going to get off," said Scott Lamothe, 24, a second-year Electrical Electronic Engineering Technology program student from St. Catharines. He said there was "too much conflicting evidence."

"I think it was a disgrace to the American justice system, it was a circus," said Lori Bertoni, 20, a second-year LASA program student.

"I didn't really care about it," said Tiffany Jane, 18, of St. Catharines, a first-year Interior Design program student.

"I think he is guilty, but they needed more substantial evidence. I think he was framed, a setup and evidence tampering," said Dedralee Van Ghent, 19, from St. Catharines, a first-year Journalism-Print program student.

"I think he did it, but because he has money they didn't convict him. A lot of people look up to him," said Kelly Lampman, 19, from St.Catharines, a second-year Human Relations program student.

"I knew he was going to get off. There were too many holes in the prosecution's case," said Jacqueline Wismer, 20, from Welland, a second-year Office Administration-Executive program student.

"I'm happy as hell because I never believed in the first place that he did it," said Holly Ragoobir, 19, a first-year Business Accounting Co-op program student from St. Catharines. "I believe a drug lord or the mafia did it."

"I think that justice was served legally, but not morally," said Mark Barrett, 24, a second-year Accounting program student from Welland. "I'm just glad it's over."

"I agree with the verdict, I always had a gut feeling he was innocent," said Carrie Meeboer, 19, of Fenwick, a first-year Recreation Leadership program student.

"I disagree with the verdict, because if he was innocent, why did he write a book and run away from the police," said Indu Pouli, 21, of Fenwick, a second-year Educational Resources for Special Needs program part-time student. "I'm not saying he actually murdered them, but I think he had a strong play in it."

"I disagree with the verdict because I think they started the trial too quickly," said Miranda Arends, 21, of Niagara Falls, a second-year Child and Youth Care Worker program student. "Since Nicole Brown was in the public eye, they had to arrest someone."

"I agree with the verdict because there was reasonable doubt," said Derek Taylor, 21, of St. Catharines, a second-year General Arts and Science program student."

"I have two words to say: Reasonable Doubt! The burden was on the prosecution, you can't convict without a murder weapon or an eyewitness," said Mike Vendittelli of St. Catharines, a second-year Accounting program student.

"I thought it (the verdict) was surprising. I assumed he was guilty, but I didn't follow it closely because it kind of dragged on," said Lori-Lynn Gribben, 20, a first-year Office Administration Executive program student from St. Catharines.

"I knew he was going to get off, but I know he committed the murders. He got off because he's a superstar," said Andy Miller, 19, a first-year Computer Electronics program student from St. Catharines.

"I didn't like it (the verdict). I thought he was guilty from the start. It's obvious, it wasn't fair. They

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Niagara College teams up with Thailand

By DEAN MICHEL
Staff Writer

A joint five-year initiative between Niagara College and Brock University in St. Catharines addresses the environmental impact of "extreme economic growth" in Thailand.

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) provided $912,000 to the project. In turn, Thailand's Burapha University established a centre for industrial and environmental training.

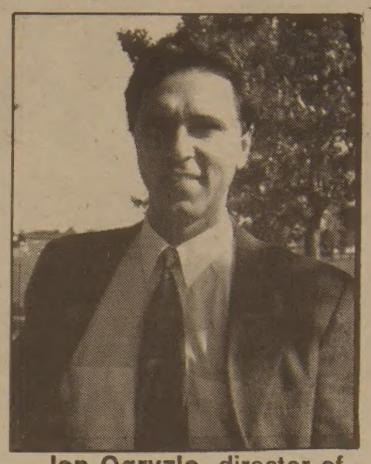
Funding began Jan. 1, 1994 and continues until 1998.

Jon Ogryzlo, Niagara College's director for the Centre of Environmental Training, says the project fulfils a definite need in Thailand.

"Thailand's economy has basically doubled in the past 10 years. The area where Burapha University is located, on the eastern seaboard of Thailand in Bangsean, has seen extreme economic growth. Their economy is doubling every five years," says Ogryzlo.

"Their economy is literally growing like crazy. That growth obviously creates all sorts of environmental challenges, and not just the physical stuff we're used to but also to dislocation of people, as a society moves quickly from an agrarian society to an industrial society."

The specific project of the Niagara College Environment Centre is to help Burapha University set up the capacity to do custom and contract training in the environmental field. Ogryzlo says this institutional capacity includes training their people on human resource analysis and market research for their programs.



Jon Ogryzlo, director of Niagara College's School of Environmental Training, is going to Thailand to speak at a conference in November.

Canadian experts will be involved in launching waste management programs and environmental impact assessments.

Niagara College's School of Business and Entrepreneurship has been developing a business plan and conducting market research for the Thailand project.

Dave Taylor, the school's director, says the different institutions are "working very well together."

He says the networks established by this initiative are important for future dealings.

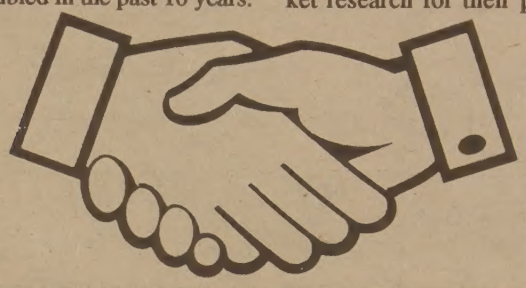
"This type of joint venture on an international scale sets the stage for future possibilities in a number of fields including business and education."

Ogryzlo has been to Thailand twice since the project's launch and will be returning to Bangsean for two weeks in November to speak at an annual conference. While on his Asian tour, Ogryzlo will also be giving a presentation to the Symposium on Environment and Education in Beijing, China.

He says the project excites him.

"It's very interesting. It's great working with a different culture because what you think will happen does not always happen, but things do get done.

"The Thailand experience offers us opportunities to share what we've learned at our centre over the past four years. It's a success for us to help other communities and organizations internationally set up environment centres."



College board reflects 'needs' of community

By TERESA ARMSTRONG
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Board of Governors reflects the needs of the Niagara Region's community, says a member of the board.

There was debate in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in April 1994 that boards of all colleges move from local autonomy toward a more centralized system.

'They are broadly based and wisdom is expressed through its members.'
— George Repar

The community should be "very concerned," says the board chairperson of Fanshawe College in London Ontario.

The Niagara College board consists of 12 external members representing St. Catharines (five), Pelham, Welland, Fort Erie and Niagara-on-the-Lake. There are four internal members representing the faculty, the students, the administration and the support staff.

Three appointed members, four vice-presidents and the president (ex-officio) complete the roster.

The board is the governing body of Niagara College.

According to Guidelines for Governors, the membership of an effective board of governors will provide broad and diverse representation of community and college viewpoints. It should ensure gender balance and the equal representation of persons with disabilities and persons from the ethnic, racial and linguistic communities served by the college. In external membership, there are six women and six men on the Niagara College board.

Dianne Cunningham, Progressive Conservative MPP for London North, says in light of the move towards centralized control of community colleges, the Council of Regents (advisers to the Ontario Minister of Education and Training) is more interested in the political correctness of board appointments than in having committed members with experience and expertise.

George Repar, Niagara College's director of International and Joint Ventures and the elected administration representation for the board, said the Board of Governors has excellent representation from all areas. "They (the board) are broadly based and wisdom is expressed through its members."

Lori Bertoni, a second-year Law and Security Administration program student, says the board reflects opinions from every part of the Niagara Region.

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Water watchers
So, you think that being a lifeguard is all sun and bouncy fun, eh? Better think again. Those flashy folks on Baywatch may make it look fun on TV, but the realities of the job would likely force those flighty floaters right off the deep end.
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Regional conference searches for answers

By LAURY REID
Staff Writer

Solutions seemed to be the principle focus of a labor forum held at Niagara College in Welland last weekend.

The day-long conference, called Niagara in the Global Economy: a Labor Perspective, was held on Sept. 30 and focused on unemployment, a diminished manufacturing base and the effects of corporate restructuring and downsizing.

"We as labor need to come out with a practical solution," said Al Godin, co-ordinator of the Labor Studies program at the college. "A Niagara solution, made for and by Niagara."

Leo Gerard, international secretary-treasurer for the United Steel Workers of America, outlined the vicious cycle that has found its way to the Niagara Region.

He said when unemployment falls below 7.5 per cent to eight per cent, people begin worrying about the underlying rate of inflation, and interest rates rise to create a balance.

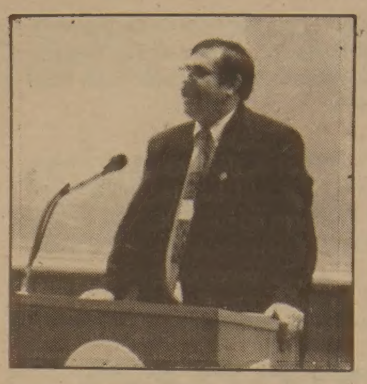
As a result, spending decreases and jobs are lost, said Gerard, adding companies go bankrupt, causing people to claim unemployment insurance.

But, because of government cuts, he said unemployment insurance is now a smaller percentage of wages and lasts for a shorter period of time, causing people to move down to social assistance and workfare, which is less than minimum wage.

As a result, those that the economy has forced down to the bottom are being punished, he said.

"We're going to feel it more in Ontario, because it's going to come so fast and so hard."

In order to revitalize Niagara, people have to change their economic views and "start to think about ways that workers can influence capital," he said.



Leo Gerard-international secretary-treasurer for the United Steel Workers of America
Photo by Laury Reid

George Schrijver, a consultant specializing in the field of economic development, manufacturing competitiveness, and business analysis, said the lack of a trade barrier has caused economic problems for Canada.

Before the North American Free Trade Agreement came into play, it was more economic for American companies to open branch plants in Canada rather than pay tariffs and transportation costs to import their products, he said.

With the barrier gone and the increased operating costs in Canada, it is more economic to eliminate the Canadian company and combine the two, cutting the cost in half and more than doubling the company's profits, he said, adding therefore, there are higher levels of unemployment, and the economy is unable to bounce back as it did before.

The conference was funded by the St. Catharines and District, Niagara Falls and District, Welland and District, and Port Colborne and District labor councils.

At the Niagara in the Global Economy: a Labor Perspective conference last Saturday, group discussions drew out several suggestions for improving Niagara Region's economic status:

*communicate, educate, and get involved
*refine the labor message and get it out faster
*open lines of communication to upcoming generations
*train labor members how to run and succeed in political office
*gain control over movement and placement of capital
*develop a strong domestic market
*create worker-owned plants
*eliminate NAFTA
*fair taxation
*organize unions across borders

CRNC applies to CRTC

By JEFF MACKAY
Staff Writer

Niagara College students may soon be heard on the airwaves off campus.

Campus Radio Niagara College (CRNC) has applied to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) to have a spot on the FM band.

"It's a long, detailed process," says Chris Ivanich, 23, CRNC program director. "We have to wait and see what the CRTC decides to do because this is the first time a college is trying for a spot on the radio.

"If we get the licence, it will give students a greater exposure, and a chance to get over their fears much quicker," he says.

Second and third-year students will be the ones to benefit from the licence because they perform on the air.

CRNC may have to change its format to receive a licence because the existing format is close to FM 101.1 The Planet.

CRNC's format also includes a new program on Wednesdays called DJ Mike's Wicked Wednesdays from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Ivanich says the station is planning to have a few talk shows which they have never done before. The shows will feature information from the Student Administrative Council and other campus news.

Ivanich says CRNC is planning another CD sale to raise money for new broadcasting equipment.

Co-op students impress company

By KATHLEEN FERRIS
Staff Writer

Employers are positive about Niagara College's summer student co-op education placements.

"Salit Steel took on three Niagara College students to fulfil co-op positions for the first time this summer," said Leo Tiberi, manager of the college's Employment Services.

Salit Steel, a division of Myer Salit Ltd., is on Stanley Avenue in Niagara Falls.

Jeff Darling, 20, of Thorold, a third-year Mechanical Engineering Technology student at Niagara, began a co-op placement at the firm three months ago and continues as a part-time employee.

"I think co-op is pretty good. I started my first co-op position last January and it ended, then I went through the process of submitting resumes to a lot of employers and after some time a co-op consultant contacted me about the position at Salit Steel," said Darling.

"The division supervisors who worked with Jeff have been impressed with his ethics and abilities. We would be fortunate to employ more individuals who perform to the high standard of Jeff," said Richard Parsons-Judge, human resources liaison at Salit Steel, in a letter to Jean Brodie, co-op consultant at Employment Services.

Anthony Baldo, 23, of Niagara Falls, a fourth-year Mechanical Engineering Technology student at Niagara, held a co-op position arranged through Employment Services for 10 weeks at Salit Steel.

"We would like to reflect that Salit Steel was extremely happy with Anthony's work and attitude," said Parsons-Judge. "Throughout his employment in the rebar division he showed great character, determination, capability and professionalism. I cannot recall an employee who better personified the traits we would like to have in our workers than Anthony."

When Baldo was asked about his position at Salit Steel, he had no comment.

"The fact that we have enjoyed one of the best groups of students in many years of summer employment is testament to the high caliber of training and education at Niagara College," said Parsons-Judge. "The skill, ability and attitude of all the students, which were referred to us by Employment Services was readily apparent in person and in their resumes."

Happiness may be in self-employment

By VICTOR ZANIEWSKI
Staff Writer

The future is bright for people with entrepreneurial skills, says the manager of Niagara College's Entrepreneurial training.

Barb Okanik, Innovation Centre manager for School of Business and Entrepreneurship in St. Catharines, wants to get that mes sage to students.

"The trend of home-based businesses is becoming socially acceptable," says this articulate graduate of Cambrian College in Sudbury.

Today, more people are working out of their homes.

Barb Okanik-Innovation Centre manager
Photo by Victor Zaniewski

"The stress of commuting is why it makes more and more sense to work at home," says Okanik, adding the myth of self-reliant entrepreneurs is misleading and impedes progress towards an "enterprising society."

She says the college has an obligation to get this information to its students. "Students don't consider self-employment. If we look down the road, self-employment is a healthy alternative."

To people who are concerned about not finding a job after graduating, she recommends "creating one."

She says "the enterprising society of tomorrow will reward those individuals who are creative, and willing to take a calculating risk."

The problem is too many people have a genuine fear of failing, she says.

She encourages students to enrol in entrepreneurship class, which is offered as a general elective at Niagara College. She says it offers "enhanced opportunity for development" as well as "an overview of the business practices."

"I don't feel that you learn entrepreneurship from books," but rather through "dealing with clients and community," she says.

While she doesn't necessarily recommend books, Okanik says she believes in the philosophy; "investing in yourself is important."

. The college has recognized that some people need a mentor by establishing a Self-Employment Assistance program, which allows students interaction with 50 of Niagara Region's business community representatives.

Okanik concedes Jane Cocco was her mentor when she trained as a Niagara Credit Union manager.

She says mentors have "a sincere interest in helping other people grow and a tendency not to view people as competition."

Okanik says the business programs available at the college will raise awareness of the fact that when students leave the confines of the college and get into the real world, their eyes will have to be open for opportunities.

Students should be in tune with what's happening, she says.

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Cures for medicare

On Oct. 9 Canadians can give thanks for many things, including a universal health care system with a guarantee of equal access regardless of race, age, class distinction or medical necessity.

Yet, that access is not free, although it seems easy.

Government funding cutbacks and rising costs pose a serious threat to the preservation of universal health care.

We suggest one of medicare's problems is not from the supply side of services but by consumer demand and their illusion health care is free of cost.

The average Canadian has simply no insight into the actual dollar cost of check-ups and treatments because they have never been given the information. For consumers to take responsibility for their individual roles in a publicly financed system, they must become aware of the item-by-item cost of services.

Provincial health ministries must provide this information to consumers if they are to become accountable participants.

With consumer accountability in mind, we offer two more suggestions to Prime Minister Jean Chretien's 24-member National Forum on Health.

Empower consumers with the necessary tools to take more responsibility for their own health. Set up a toll-free number linked to an on-line computerized data base with medical professionals offering 24-hour medical advice. Estimates claim that 80 per cent of callers to the U.S. model, Access Health, choose an alternative to emergency room treatment. (Toronto Star, Sept. 23, 1995)

At doctors' discretion, bill patients for unwarranted, frivolous visits to the doctor's office, walk-in clinic or hospital. Such a levy will not deny access but should force Canadian consumers to think twice before screaming "MEDIC" each time they have a runny nose or suffer from gastronomic pains produced by an over-indulgence in turkey.

Dean Michel

'High risk' high price

Insurance rates are driving people to the poor house.

Long ago are the days when one could pay less for auto insurance than the actual worth of their vehicle.

Recently I purchased a car at half the value of my insurance rate. The policy is for one year. It's hoped my car will last longer.

Laws passed in May this year penalize drivers who have never been insured. It seems crazy not to want to take a bus.

Because I've not had my name on any insurance policy (doesn't necessarily have to be my policy), the people in the industry assume I can't drive.

The brokers and agents at all the firms I've talked to have labelled me a "high-risk" driver.

I've been accident free for more than a dozen years — that's not even taken into consideration. Surely I can't be "high risk" with such a clean record.

"High risk" is jumping out of an airplane without a parachute.

"High risk" is having sex without a condom.

Studies show accidents caused from drinking and driving have made a severe impact on insurance rate increases.

I guess it's true when they say drinking and driving hurts everybody.

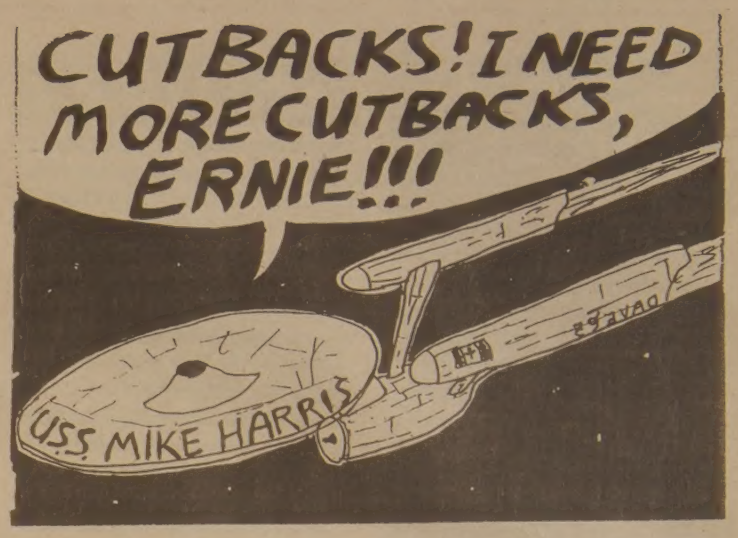
Although it has been proven women are safer drivers, I am not one of the minority men (as far as driving is concerned).

My insurance rate is a reflection of what others have done.

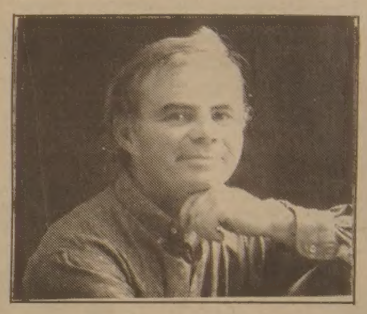
I wish they would look at me as an individual, not as a percentage of the bad drivers in our society.

I can drive, I will drive, but unfortunately I will pay — heavily.

Ronald Duguay



Gender civil war rages on



Will Webster

Men and women are engaged in a "gender civil war" contends author Naomi Wolf. She may be right.

In her book, *Fire with Fire,* Wolf talks about women assuming their role as the majority (they form 51 per cent of the population, according to the latest figures from Statistics Canada).

The war is made only more bloody and painful by the degree of resistance men have towards women who insist on assuming their rightful place as equal partners in society.

The likes of American right-wing television raver Rush Limbaugh are the biggest aces in radical feminists' hands. Intolerant diatribes labelling feminists "feminazis" only bolster the determination of women. They also provide these women with a convenient whipping post.

As long as the Limbaughs of this world are spouting off, it will be easy for women to point at men and say, with justifiable contempt, "look, men are pigs." These testosterone-nazis also provide women with a convenient excuse to use the same sort of careless disregard for men as men have used toward women for so many centuries.

Men and women are equally guilty of callous disregard for one other

Once it was men saying: women belong barefoot and pregnant in the kitchen. Now it is women saying: men belong in the backyard with a shovel, with equal disregard for their persons.

Men and women are equally guilty of callous disregard for one another. As long as men continue to regard women as weaker, inferior or sex objects, they will continue to receive and deserve the abuse heaped upon them.

So if you encounter a Limbaugh, or are one, I have a suggestion. Close the door on the verbal arsenal. Enabling these mouthpieces to continue only justifies whatever measures radical feminists choose to take.

The fact is, women are equal and should not have to resort to radical action for that equality to be realized.

Letter policy

Your voice or opinion is welcome in our Letters to the Editor section. Our policy regarding letter submission is:

1. All letters must be received on the Friday one week prior to publication.
2. Each letter must include the student's name, college identification number and program of study.
3. All letters must be signed and include a day and evening phone number for verification use only.

All letters can be mailed or brought to the Niagara News newsroom, Rm. S212, Simcoe Building, Welland campus.

PERSPECTIVES

The summer I went 'Global'

John Eaton

This summer I realized a dream when I worked for Sportsline at CanWest Global Television in Toronto.

It was part of a scholarship-internship program sponsored by CanWest Global to a student with a physical disability.

I was honored to be chosen as the 1994-95 recipient of this award.

My college tuition and the cost of my books were paid for during my first year in the Journalism-Print program at Niagara College. I was hired to work for Sportsline from May 1 to Aug. 16. With the money I earned, I was able to pay for my second year at college.

Interning at Sportsline, Global's half-hour nightly sports program, is something I will remember for a long time.

Jim Tatti (The Jimmer), the popular host of Sportsline, and the producers of the show, welcomed me with open arms. I was able to sit in, and participate in the various aspects of the show's production.

My main job was to work in videotape recording. I then shotlist the highlights of different sporting events and sent them to editors so they could use the footage for Sportsline's highlight reels.

Shotlisting required me to sit in a room with four televisions hooked up to VCRs with a time code on them. All four TVs were tuned to a sporting event. It was my job to watch and write down the highlights of those games so if a goal was scored in hockey or a home run hit in baseball, I wrote it down to send to the editors — hence the term shotlisted.

Tatti nicknamed me "The Johner." He always takes names and adds an "er" on the end.

He also went around saying "yes, guy" a lot. When I asked him why, he said that when he started at Global he couldn't remember anyone's name, so everyone became "guy." That's how "yes, guy" came about.

Whether he called me "The Johner," "guy," or John, I always felt at home.

The passive Canadian

Laury Reid

Scared to rock the boat? Most Canadians seem to be.

Canadians are known for being peaceful and docile. Go with the flow. Don't make waves. Roll with the punches. But aren't some things worth making noise over?

For instance, women's rights.

At the recent women's conference held outside of Beijing, China, speakers from the United States proposed many tactics to move women ahead and raised their voices for all to hear, going so far as to criticize the Chinese government. Canadian speakers simply echoed past proposals.

Afraid to insult anyone?

Concerning France's decision to carry through with nuclear testing in the Pacific Ocean, the Canadian government grumbled about how unfortunate France's decision was and remarked generally on a desire to see an international ban on nuclear testing.

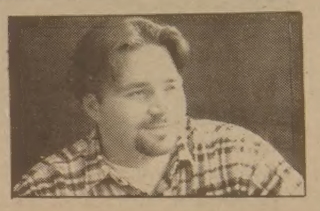
What about voicing — heaven forbid — an objection to putting the planet Earth and everything inhabiting it at risk?

And finally, what about the Quebec referendum situation?

Prime Minister Jean Chretien seems to be trying his damndest to ignore it. The rest of Canada, with the exception of Quebec, seems to have no say at the prospect of the country being torn apart at the seams before our eyes. Make no mistake, Quebec is a vital piece of the puzzle that makes Canada.

A peaceful, docile country is good. But people sitting back tight-lipped while all that they are slips through their fingers is tragic.

Turkey: The legend continues



Jason Chase

Turkey, football and pumpkin pie. It must be Thanksgiving.

It's time for family get-togethers. You travel home or your family comes to you. You're reunited with the ones you love, despise and possibly hate.

Picture early morning, the stuffing of the bird, the smell of freshly baking pies and boiling vegetables. It sounds like a Norman Rockwell moment. Wrong.

Television trays are pulled out from the closet and chairs of every sort appear. The good china is set out and the family arrives. Your lost uncles appear with your aunts far behind, followed by their children.

Women chatter away and try to help your grandmother get the meal ready. The children are banished to the basement where their noise may not be heard. The males at this time gather in the living-room for the fall football classic.

Tension builds up as the aroma from the turkey fills the house. Dinner is ready.

Your family gathers around the table and the meal begins. For one instant silence falls as the family eats. It is shattered by the crash of a child's plate falling to the rug. Cranberry sauce stains the rug and the dog is in heaven with the new found treasure.

Almost instantly one of your aunts screams at the child and your grandmother steps in saying, "That's all right."

Confusion settles as dessert is served and the males once again slip away for the fall classic. The women stand back and relax as your grandmother washes the dishes. The dog cleans the rug of forgotten food, and the children disappear to the basement for more quiet fun.

The day draws to a close and the families slowly depart. Children cry as they say their goodbyes. The men slowly leave the television as the final scores come in. The day is finally over but you begin to shudder.

Christmas is almost here and that means another family get together.

Something fishy at Queen's Park

Dean Michel

Devoted **O.J. Simpson** followers may be excused from their favorite bar stool or sofa now that the 'trial of the century' is over. Should you suffer withdrawal symptoms, be assured countless hours of quality television programming will fill the void.

Jerry Springer, Ricki Lake or Melrose Place may fit that bill until the expected O.J. books and trial highlight videos crash the market in time for Christmas.

While you Juice Junkies were away, a few things I noticed:

•The Quebec referendum demands a simple answer from Quebec's citizen's:

Yes or No.

Maybe a Bloc"head" like **Lucien Bouchard** would appreciate his own category of "well, maybe" or "sort of" or "if, and only if."

•Something smells fishy at Queen's Park when Community and Social Affairs Minister **David Tsubouchi** starts giving advice to welfare recipients whose benefits have been cut 21.6 per cent.

"When tuna fish is 69 cents, maybe buy 10 tins that day," Tsubouchi told The Toronto Sun. Hey, Tuna-King Dave, are you trying to push another fish to extinction's edge? First the Northern Atlantic cod, then Federal Fisheries Minister **Brian Tobin's** "last lonely baby turbot clinging for life on the edge of the Grand Banks," then B.C. salmon. With comments like yours, can tuna's demise be far behind?

• "You don't need a co-signer. You don't need a bank account. And you don't need a job," says a Visa card application for students.

Sounds like the only thing required is a pulse. Those people at Visa care so much for students' needs, they don't charge students an annual fee. "So you can spend money you save on more important things...like laundry detergent." With an 18.75 per cent interest charge on cash advances and purchases, will students be able to afford to pay for the wardrobe to be washed?

• In the "life's- like- a- box- of- chocolates" file: The results of a survey by the Confectionary Manufacturers' Association of Canada suggest a third of Canadians prefer sweets to a night of fun and frivolity with a sweetheart. So much for the courting tradition of candy. Perhaps would-be romantics should opt for tuna...

SAC FACTS

VP athletics wants students to get involved

By WILL WEBSTER
Staff Writer

Lyndon Johnston possesses two major prerequisites for his position as Student Administrative Council (SAC) vice-president athletics. He is big on sports and politics which is a way of life in the Johnston family.

For two years Johnston, 21, a third-year Mechanical Engineering Technology student, played defence for the Niagara Knights men's hockey team. He is an avid scuba diver, dirt biker and a self-confessed speed demon.

Politically, Johnston's father served as reeve in his hometown of Lucknow, Ont., and is a former warden of Brant Township.

"Politics was dinner conversation at our place," says Johnston, who describes his political philosophy as "about as right wing as it gets."

Johnston says his involvement with the Knights is what prompted him to run for SAC last year. The team wanted representation on the council and hoped having a person there would enhance the team's prospects of continuing. It didn't, but Johnston is happy to be a member anyway.

Initially, he thought it might be "a lot of fun." However, he says he finds it a lot of work spending time doing "stuff I had no idea I'd be doing."

Johnston says he is serious about his role as a SAC member and takes a pro-active approach.

"I find in a position with SAC, or any political position, a person has to take a stand somewhere and has to have an opinion, yet at the same time an open mind," said Johnston.

"You either sit there and get walked all over in your own mind or, if you have a strong opinion about it, you start asking questions."

Johnston adds that without questioning and being assertive nothing happens in politics. He describes his fellow SAC members as "movers and shakers" who are willing to do the work required and aren't afraid to "try, with an emphasis on try," to resolve the issues before them.

Shinerama, the annual cleaning extravaganza to raise money for cystic fibrosis, says Johnston, was the best fun he has had since joining SAC.

"It was nice to see," he says. "The event went over very well. A lot of people you wouldn't expect to see volunteering helped out."

One of the difficult chores Johnston has undertaken is assisting Vice-President Internal Mark McNiven with SAC's transformation from Roberts Rules of Order to Bournoit's Rules, a simpler system more closely resembling Canadian parliamentary procedures.

Lyndon Johnson, Student Administrative Council vice-president athletics, is concerned about student morale at the college.

Bournoit's rules are being adapted for SAC as a result of discussions with City of St. Catharines City Clerk Tom Derrick over the summer. Derrick was invited by SAC to help streamline business procedures.

One area of concern was rules regarding in-camera sessions. Last year's SAC was repeatedly criticized for misuse of in-camera sessions. Johnston says the new rules are more of a "layman's guide" to procedures. The in-camera section, he says, is the toughest part of the chore.

"We hope it is never used," says Johnston.

As vice-president athletics, Johnston says he hopes to encourage more involvement in intramural sports.

"There just isn't enough going on for people under 19," says Johnston. "If you're not 19, and you don't drink, you may as well get out of town. Some more inexpensive activities and services should be made available."

Very concerned about "low" morale among students he says students are simply not aware of all that is going on. He suggests they look more closely at the "florescent paper on the cork boards around here," to find out.

Johnston praises fellow SAC member Vice-President Executive Paula Dempsey for her efforts to increase the involvement of student representatives and hopes students will take a more active interest in SAC by attending its weekly business meetings.

After working for an engineering company where he "pushed a button all day long," Johnston decided to pursue Mechanical Engineering Technology so he could design the machines that "other people push the buttons on."

Johnston chose Niagara College over Sir Sanford Fleming College in Peterborough, Ont. He says he based his decision on the fact that Welland is "quite a piece from home."

After life on the farm, living in the Niagara region is a welcome change.

"Any place that has Taco Bell is exciting," he says.

SAC BITS

By WILL WEBSTER
Staff Writer

• A post-diploma Public Relations student has resigned from the Student Administrative Council (SAC) one day after electing himself student representative for his program. Trevor Twining identified himself as a student program representative at the Oct. 3 student representative meeting. At that time he was nominated and elected to be one of three student representatives on SAC. He was confirmed in his new role at the regular SAC meeting on Oct. 3.

Vice-President Executive Paula Dempsey confirmed on Oct. 4, minutes before Twining tendered his resignation, that she had not received the "form" confirming Twining's election as program representative. Program co-ordinators are required to fill out a form identifying the program representative, which is then forwarded to SAC. Dempsey said Twining's failure to go through proper procedures was "very serious." Anonymous sources in Twining's program say he was not elected to represent them.

Twining was an unsuccessful candidate for SAC in 1994. He is also a former employee of SAC and a member of the Niagara College Council.

• SAC Vice-President Athletics Lyndon Johnston says the problem regarding the unavailability of practice time in the gym for women's soccer has been resolved. He says the weather is still good enough for them to practise outside.

• SAC voted to donate $275.31 to Resource Association for Teens (RAFT). The amount equals one day's operating expenses for the St. Catharines charitable organization.

• Josten's Yearbook Co. of St. Catharines will print the Niagara College yearbook for the next three years, once a contract is signed. The print run will cost $10,806.20, with three per cent increase each year. There will be 1,000 yearbooks printed.

• Letters have gone out requesting program co-ordinators ask their students elect SAC student program representatives. One day short of deadline on Sept. 28, less than half of the co-ordinators had responded with the names of new class representatives. Vice-President Executive Paula Dempsey says if she doesn't hear back from the remainder of the co-ordinators she will go into the classrooms and make sure the elections occur.

• Some SAC members were unhappy with editorial comments printed in the Niagara News. Discussion of the paper's coverage took 15 minutes of the Sept. 26 meeting.

Vice-President Internal Affairs Mark McNiven says some of the coverage was "pretty bad." Vice-President External Mike Matkowski was also perturbed. He mentioned the fact that After Hours advertises in the Niagara News, which they have not yet done this year. After the meeting he said his comments "in no way suggested" SAC should pull whatever advertising they may be planning on doing. "I don't know what kind of leverage we have, perhaps none," says Matkowski.

• A point of clarification, there are a total of 80 under-the-age-of-majority students enrolled at Niagara College. Some of them, the exact number is unknown, have approached After Hours about being admitted to events in the pub.

Learning Resource Centre open Saturdays

Old idea becomes reality at college

By PAULINE POSTILL
Staff Writer

For Niagara College students needing to complete their assignments on weekends, help is on the way.

Effective Oct. 14, the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) at the Welland campus will open on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Weekend service isn't a new concept. It started on an experimental basis in 1968 through 1970 and then again in 1980.

"In those years the library would be open on Saturday afternoons at the end of term to provide students the opportunity to complete assignments and study for exams," said Trish Labonte, head librarian at the Welland campus.

"The amount of use of the library was low at this time."

She encourages students to take advantage of this service to do research assignments, to work on essays or even to find a quiet place to study.

Several years ago the college administration supported a request to extend library hours at the branches for the convenience of the students.

"It took a year before the students realized that this service was available to them, so they could take advantage and organize their time to use the facilities and resources," said Labonte.

"I expect it will take a full year to communicate this new Saturday service to the students.

"The new year-round programming focuses on evening and weekend activity, and the hours are reflective of a survey of co-ordinators who serve programs," she said.

"We have established an 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. timeframe to accommodate what co-ordinators predict would be our best hours to serve maximum need.

"We hope that we can provide the students with more in-depth support by extending the invitation to Saturday hours."

LIFE LINE

SAC sponsors blood donor clinic at Niagara College

By ERIN PINCHIN
Staff Writer

The 27th annual Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 11.

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) is sponsoring the event, which begins at noon in the Mackenzie building gymnasium. Students from the Law and Security Administration (LASA) program begin the clinic at 10 a.m.

Administration officials, faculty and students are asked to donate blood.

"Students, because of financial circumstances, are not usually in the position to give money to various organizations, but they can give something far more precious, they can give themselves, they can give the gift of life," said Jan Potton, a Niagara College faculty member and organizer of the donor clinic.

In the 27 years Niagara College has been involved in the donation clinic, 5,570 units of blood have been donated.

Each year SAC urges students and faculty to help in saving lives.

But a lot of people may ask 'What's in it for me?' Well, how about a trophy to be won by your program.

The Buddy Blood Drop Trophy is awarded to the program which donates the most units of blood. Last year, the award went to the LASA program.

The Corpsuckle Cup is awarded to the program with the most donors. This is decided by the number of donors divided by the number of students in each program.

In order for a student to enter their program in the Corpsuckle Cup competition, they must be enrolled as a full-time student.

The cup will be presented by John Saso, college president, at a later date. A shield will then be presented to that program.

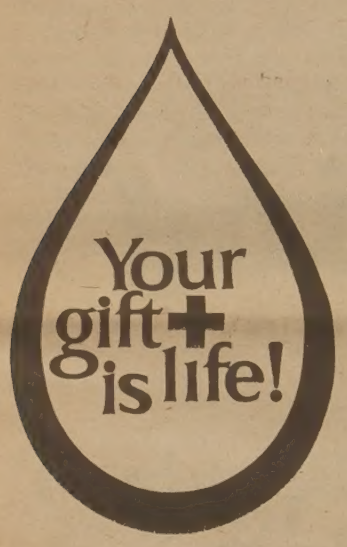
There is even a staff award for most units donated by a program's faculty.

The actual process of donating blood takes anywhere from five to 10 minutes. And even with time to rest and refreshments afterwards, the donor can be out of the clinic in half an hour.

A "gift of life" is so easy to give, so what are you waiting for? asks Potton.

Giving blood can save someone's life

Over one million units of blood are needed annually



By ERIN PINCHIN
Staff Writer

Blood products are easy to donate and important in today's health care.

There are various uses for blood products. Whole blood, which contains all the blood's components, is used for complete exchange of blood, open heart surgery, hemorrhaging and in surgery.

Often a donation is used as whole blood in major surgery involving the stomach, lungs, and other vital organs.

Think of it this way: without blood transfusions, surgery such as heart and kidney transplants would not be possible.

Hemophiliacs need the cryoprecipitate (a substance derived from flesh blood) to provide the clotting their blood lacks. Without this substance, hemorrhaging becomes a daily fear.

Plasma, blood's liquid portion, can be quick-frozen and kept on hand in hospitals. This plasma is used by people with specific bleeding problems. The plasma is removed from the donated blood leaving concentrated red cells behind. These cells are used to replace the missing red cells in anemic patients.

Platelets, found in healthy donors' blood, are necessary to control bleeding episodes in certain patients.

Gamma globulin, a protein, can be taken from healthy blood and used to help fight infectious diseases.

Blood can't be manufactured. Over one million units of blood are needed annually for transfusion therapy.

With files from the Red Cross.

Welland Red Cross representatives Gene Maltais, Jan Potton and Buddy Blood Drop urge students to donate blood Oct. 11.
Photo by Lee-Ann Ayres

Blood donors needed for Red Cross clinic

By ERIN PINCHIN
Staff Writer

Come donate blood and help save lives.

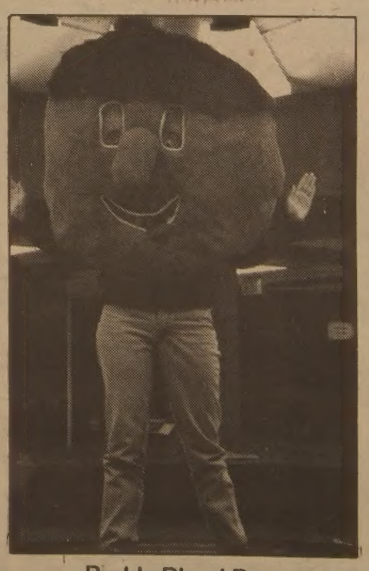
If you are a first-time donor, you must be between 17 and 60 years of age and must weigh at least 110 pounds (50 kilos.)

Upon entering the clinic, you will be asked for identification bearing your full name and signature or a picture with your full name.

On donation day, you must be feeling healthy and can not be taking any prescribed medication that could affect the recipient or yourself.

Before the Red Cross will accept your donation, your hemoglobin (red blood cell level) must meet Red Cross standards. It is advised that you wait a minimum of 56 days between donations.

As there are many reasons to be accepted for blood donation, there are many reasons to be rejected. These reasons pertain to the physical health of the person interested in donation.



Buddy Blood Drop

Photo by Lee-Ann Ayres

If a donor is taking Tegison for acne, you will not be accepted as a blood donor, but if you are taking Accutane for acne, you will be able to donate blood only after you have not been on Accutane for a month.

If you come to the donation clinic intoxicated, you will have to wait until the alcohol has disappeared from your blood system. With drugs, if you are on intravenous drugs, you will never be able to donate blood. But with street drugs, you'll have to wait up to 12 months for the drugs to leave your system. If you've recently received a vaccination and are wanting to donate blood, you'll have to wait at least 48 hours before donating.

If you've recently got a tattoo, you will have to wait 12 months before giving blood. And athletes who want to donate blood will be able to resume normal physical activity 24 hours after donating blood.

Niagara College students are urged to give blood on Oct. 11 in the Mackenzie building gymnasium beginning at noon.

Life day, be a part of it!

Huge pumpkins invade Pelham

By NANCY KIMSEY
Staff Writer

In his search for the Great Pumpkin, Linus needed to look no further than Pelham.

The Fenwick Lions held its second annual Pumpkinfest at Centennial Park on Church Street on Sept. 23 and 23.

Roy Johnson, of North Pelham, took home a plaque and a $500 cheque for his 497 pound pumpkin.

Johnson said the secret to growing such a large gourd is "water, water, water — believe it or not — and lots of manure."

Ron Wolf, of Welland, a second-year Journalism-Print program student at Niagara College, took first place in the pie-eating contest.

"It wasn't as easy as it looked," said Wolf. "The pies were very heavy. I gave up near the end."

The festivities started at 7 p.m. Friday with a teen dance, featuring live, local bands.

Saturday began with a breakfast of pancakes, sausage and coffee for those willing to brave the morning chill.

At 8 a.m., entries started to arrive for the pumpkin growing contest. Most of the pumpkins had to be moved by a forklift onto the weigh scale outside the entertainment tent.

Second prize of $300 went to the Fenwick Lioness' 365 pound entry with FDBF Farms Ltd. placing third for a prize of $200.

Other events included a pie-baking contest, a pumpkin carving contest, pony rides and games for children, and a horseshoe-pitching tournament.

Niagara Regional Chair Brian Merrett said this was his first time at the festival and "it was just great."

with files from Ron Wolf

Premier's committee looking for the brightest

'They don't have to be rich or famous,' Barbara Lidston

By LEE-ANN AYRES
Staff Writer

Candidates wanted.

The 1995 Premier's Awards Committee is looking for candidates for this year's awards.

The candidate must be a graduate of an Ontario College of Applied Arts and Technology, who shows career success and plays an important role in the community.

"They don't have to be rich or famous," says Barbara Lidston, from the committee's office.

There are four categories. A nominee from the divisions of Applied Arts, Technology, Health Sciences and Business will receive a certificate from Ontario Premier Mike Harris. The winners will receive a medal and $5,000 bursary.

Last year there were no Niagara College winners, but four nominations were submitted: Carol Alaimo from Applied Arts, James Walter from Business, Dave Gibson from Business and Paul Campbell from Technology.

Last year's winners were Applied Arts - Amos Keye Jr. from Mohawk College, Hamilton; Business - Monom Lacelle Lacroix from St. Lawrence College in Brockville, nominated by La Cite Collegiale, Ottawa; Health Sciences - Fred Upshaw from Durham College, Etobicoke; Technology - Gino Songeo from Confederation College, Thunder Bay.

Fifty-nine graduates from 25 colleges were nominated for last year's awards.

Faculty are to make their submissions by Oct.13. The awards ceremony will be held on Feb. 8, 1996 in Windsor.

Museum showcases posters

By STEPHANIE BONNER
Staff Writer

The circus is in town! Not exactly, but a visit to the Mackenzie Heritage Printery Museum in Queenston may have you wishing it were.

Since May, the Big Poster Show has been the main attraction at the Printery, with a special emphasis on historical Canadian circus posters.

Most of the circus posters are on loan from Conklin Shows and will be returned at the end of the tourist season Oct. 28. Other poster themes include war recruitment and sports.

"The level of enthusiasm has been tremendous this season," said museum co-ordinator Laura Bruce. The poster showing was organized by museum volunteers to pay tribute to the first advertisement medium.

The highlight of the season-long event is The Big Poster Show Colloquium to be held at the Queenston Heights Restaurant on Saturday, Oct. 14. There is a $30 registration fee, which includes lunch and coffee.

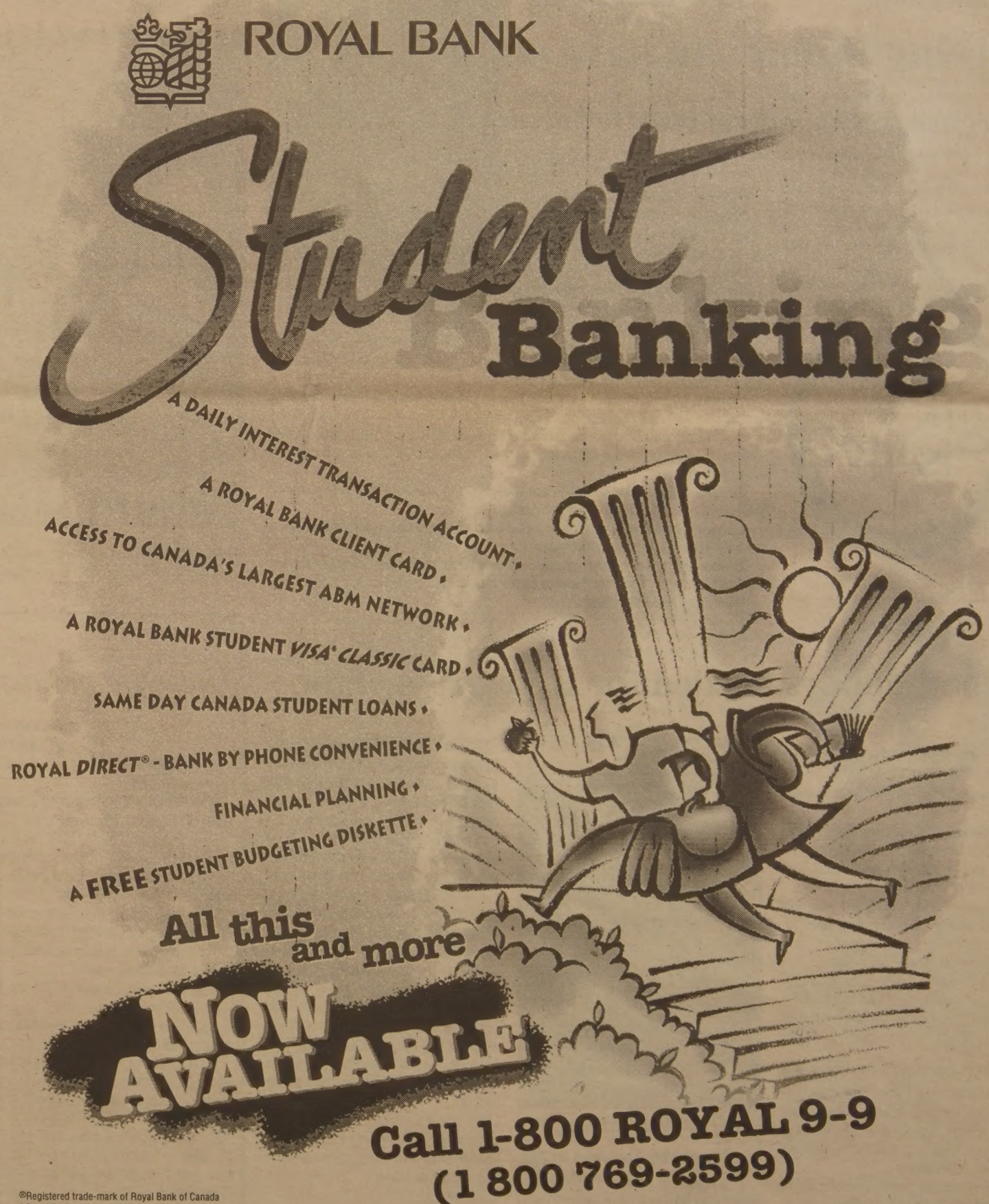
"The colloquium brings together people with different areas of specialized knowledge," said Bruce.

Campbell King, grandson of the highlighted circus poster producer Andrew King, will be a speaker. Other scheduled lecturers include Al Stencell, a circus owner and historian from Toronto; John Burtniak, a poster collector and archivist at Brock University in St. Catharines, and Robert Stacey of Toronto, a poster historian and author of *The Canadian Poster Book*.

Following the colloquium, a tour will be conducted for anyone interested in viewing the poster display or any of the permanent exhibits.

The museum, named for the early printing contributions of Queenston native William Lyon Mackenzie, is home to the Louis Roy printing press. Made in England during the 1750s, the press is the only one of its kind left in Canada and one of 10 in North America.

Any of the poster or permanent exhibits can be viewed during the regular museum hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday to Thursday and Saturday and Sunday. Contact Laura Bruce at 262-5676 to register for the colloquium.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Stained glass art at Ball's Falls

By SUSAN DERUITER
Staff Writer

Tom Green, 33, owner of Glass Eagle Studios in Niagara Falls, will be one of the many artists at Ball's Falls on Thanksgiving weekend.

"The show itself is excellent, well run and good entertainment for the whole family," said Green. "It is one of the best shows I do."

The Glass Eagle Studios has been open at 4147 River Rd. for six years, but Green started stained glass work 15 years ago in St. Catharines.

"I was hired to take pictures of some stained glass work and stuck around so they could teach me how to do it," said Green. Now he gives lessons in his studio. To date he has taught 300 students.

Green's training in fine arts at St. Lawrence College in Kingston, Ont. enhanced his creative talent. "It comes from God, who gives creativity," said Green who often designs his own patterns.

"Every year I add more and more original pieces and I get a thrill when I sell my own designs," said Green.

Green's eye for color, texture and quality comes through in his work.

"I enjoy the whole process," said Green, "but when the finished piece is held up to the light you get a full appreciation for it."

Colors and shapes dance around Green's studio as the sun pours in through the window. On his table is a special piece that he hopes to have finished to present at Ball's Falls.

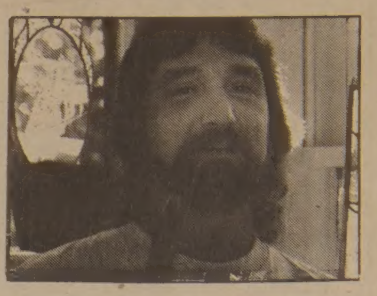
Green's work ranges from sun catchers at $5 to larger panels at $300 or lamps at $2,000 to $3,000. He has even made church windows.

"It sounds funny, but we are going to sell a lot of balls at Ball's Falls," said Green who has also taken up glass blowing.

"I also do custom and restoration work," said Green, "but restoration is more work than starting from scratch and making a window."

For the month preceeding Thanksgiving weekend, Green puts in 14 to 18 hour days.

"This is a weather-dependent show, but I always do well," said Green. "I have sold in rain and snow as well as in sunshine."



Tom Green of Glass Eagle Studio.

Unique crafts displayed at Thanksgiving festival

By STEPHANIE TURTON
Staff Writer

About 135 well-known artisans will offer a unique selection of quality crafts at the annual Ball's Falls Thanksgiving Festival.

Crafters from as far as Alberta, New Brunswick and Quebec have competed to show their work, said Christine Hayward, festival convener for the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

The arts and crafts display includes watercolors, acrylics, pottery, porcelain, original hand-spun clothing, denim originals, copper creations, wrought iron, reproduction furniture, fine jewelry, custom Halloween costumes, Christmas crafts and gourmet foods.

"A visit to the annual fall festival has become a Thanksgiving weekend tradition for almost 30,000 people," said Hayward in a press release from the conservation authority.

"Our gate receipts traditionally show that 30,000 people are coming through the gates each year," said Christine Jones, the authority's director of communications.

Hayward said visitors will have four days to do some early Christmas shopping or simply enjoy the beautiful arts and crafts, entertainment, refreshments and other festival activities.

Visitors can enjoy demonstrations of 19th century life at the blacksmith shop, church, flour mill, Ball home, and pioneer cabin.

"The historical park complex dates back to the early 1800s," said Jones.

The park offers a children's activity area as well as a woodcarving tent where youngsters can make a small keepsake with the help of the Niagara Woodcarvers Association.

Several conservation clubs will be represented at the festival. Featuring many raptors, the Ontario Hawking Club hopes to include a flying demonstration.

Jugglers, storytellers, bluegrass bands and puppeteers are some of the entertainers that will add to the Thanksgiving celebration.

"For many, the Thanksgiving festival provides an opportunity to enjoy fall colors and the outdoors before winter," said Hayward.

"Artisans enjoy this show because of the unique atmosphere of the valley and the scenic escarpment setting."

Admission to the festival is $5. Children under 14 are free, and on Friday seniors pay only $3.

The Ball's Falls Conservation Area is off Regional Road 24 (Victoria Avenue), south of Vineland.

Twelve Mile Creek needs more friends

By LAURY REID
Staff Writer

It'll get by with a little help from its friends — the Friends of Twelve Mile Creek, that is.

The Twelve Mile Creek, which extends from north of Pelham above the Niagara Escarpment to Lake Ontario, is deteriorating as a result of industrial development and human intervention.

On Sept. 27 the newly developed committee consisting of Marie Poirier, co-chair; Peter Warwick, co-chair; and David Watson, secretary, held an open house in the Environmental Training Centre at the Regional Niagara Headquarters in Thorold.

Several displays allowed guests to view the historical, geographical, and natural features of the creek and its surrounding areas.

The guest speaker, Adele Freeman, Don/Highland specialist and Metro Toronto Conservation Authority member, outlined the many small successes of the Don Valley watershed accomplished by the Friends of the Don. She also gave several tips on where to begin and how to proceed. She said there is no one way to get funding, and that it is a matter of "being there at the right time and finding the opportunities."

Freeman said volunteers are vital to Friends organizations. She said that organizers need to find things that people can be involved in, and "bite off things that are do-able."

Warwick said there are "lots of opportunities for people to get involved," including clearing out trails and taking species and history inventories.

There are 20 or 21 people on the mailing list now, said Poirier, and the organizers want to formulate a steering committee to get things started.

A unanimous vote from almost 100 guests at the open house formally created the Friends of Twelve Mile Creek.

Friends organizations are community-based and community-driven associations which focus on enhancement, awareness and appreciation of natural and manmade features.

The Friends of Twelve Mile Creek from left: Marie Poirier; co-chair, David Watson, secretary; Adele Freeman, open house guest speaker and Peter Warwick, co-chair.

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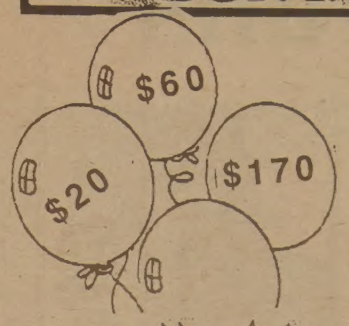

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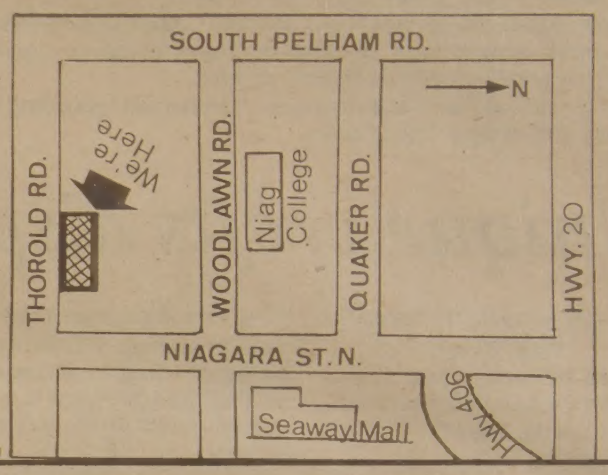

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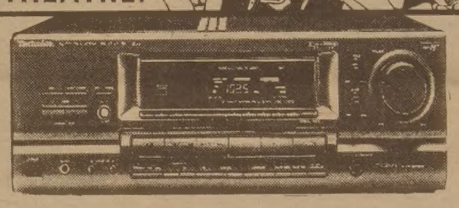

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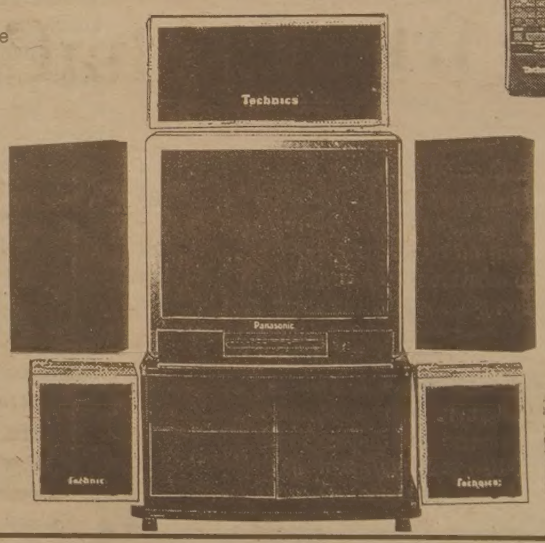

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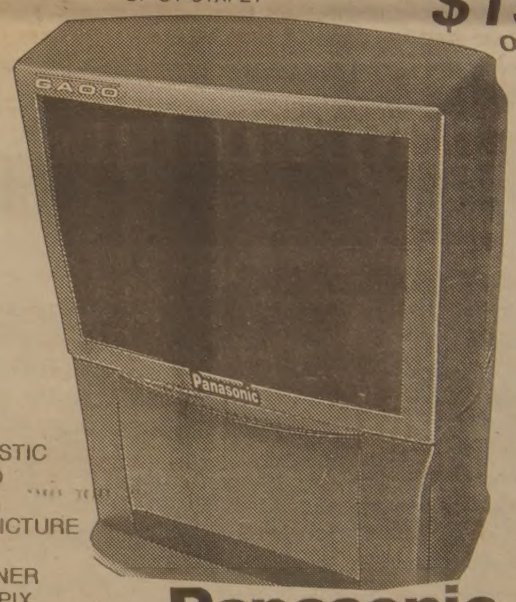

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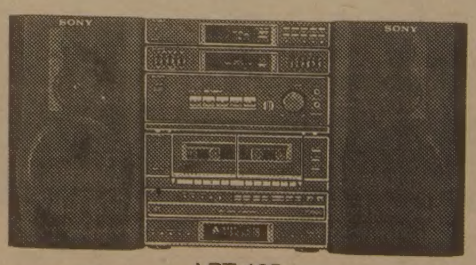

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Comedy makes big splash at After Hours

By
DARLENE CHARLEBOIS
Staff Writer

The Jamaican-Canadian comedian Ronnie Edwards removed his pants without missing a beat in his easy, but evasive banter.

"You could put this in your story, uncovering the truth behind all those fantasies," he joked, in an interview prior to his After Hours performance Sept. 27.

Wednesday nights are now a regular night for comedy at the Student Centre featuring top names from Yuk Yuk's Comedy Club. After three successful nights last year, David Rapelje, After Hours manager, said he was encouraged to try the event again.

Evan Aldelman, Yuk Yuk's director of talent, said Niagara College would be getting the best comedians their company represents in Canada. Ronnie Edwards, who is up for a Genie and Juno award is proof of this.

Edwards has appeared in television programs and films, as well as on other stages with comics such as Howie Mandel and Jim Carey.

Despite having played in hundreds of shows across North America over the last decade, Edwards said he still enjoys performing for the smaller college crowds.

Edwards said he likes the fact college students coming to see his show are often new to live comedy.

"I like to break them in, teach them something," he added with a grin, stretching and bouncing his lanquid 6'2" frame around the backstage room.

Asked about messages or morals in his work, Edwards stresses the importance of balance. Comedians have to be careful not to bombard the audience with morals or they won't find the humour, he said.

His performance at After Hours though, seemed to be on the other side of the implied "balance." Often, his jokes bordered on the vulgar. Despite frequent swear words, middle-finger gestures, and verbal assaults thrown out to the crowd, he kept the audience riding on almost every word. He often paused to let meanings digest, guiding them with animated facial expressions or poised gestures.

Somehow, his laid back disposition and intuitive sense of timing created laughter that might otherwise have escaped a less skilled entertainer. Sex, strip-teases, condoms, and being black in a white society were the main source of the evening's jokes.

The Student Centre was almost full by 9:30 p.m. Despite a luke-warm response to opening comedian, Rick Currie, the crowd was vocal enough for Edwards. When a few inebriated misfortunates in the front row competed for attention, Edwards effortlessly worked them into his act.

At one point, he had the room voting on whether or not the trio should move to the back. Having decided that they would stay, Edwards came back to them every so often with something new to tease. Judging by the applause, this sidebar was a favorite.

Comedy nights continue through October. Photo by Darlene Charlebois

CD reviews, what's new, what's blue, what's not

Sparklehorse

By TRACY LAPRISE
StaffWriter

Vivadixiesubmarinetranmssi onplot is the new CD that's full of distortion affected vocals from Sparklehorse.

Mark Linkous isn't what you could call a singer. The lyrics are almost impossible to understand. Scott Minor plays the banjo and the chord organ well. Johnny Hott, Scott Fitzsimmons and Paul Watson are the background singers playing instruments theramin, stand up bass and mandolin.

Saturday has a nice sounding rhythm until Linkous starts to sing. The background is static-filled making it hard to decide if there is meaning in the song.

There is one song excellently done. The song has the wonderful sounds of harmonica and banjos and the lyrics have meaning.

Many of the songs are country sounding. All of the slow songs sounds as if Linkous is depressed writing them. The song needs to be in a country bar.

Ballad of a cold lost marble sounds like they lost a few marbles themselves. It's a very weird hard mix, stopped with a fainted background going into the next song. The songs aren't long in air-time, nor did they encourage long-term, dedicated listening.

Sparklehorse produced by Slow River Records needs to go back to whatever place they practised in and stay there for a few more years.

Lenny Kravitz

By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

If Jimi Hendrix had a son who could play the guitar it would be Lenny Kravitz. Kravitz takes you to his Circus (the title of his latest album) and dazzles you with a highwire show of electrifying guitar melodies.

Kravitz has become a rock icon and Circus, his fourth album is going to be the turning point for him and his listeners. Maturity comes with time and Kravitz has matured to become a musician. He is no longer a kid playing the guitar but a man making music. Kravitz has combined mystic vocals with his classical training on guitar to evolve his music above and beyond our generation.

The first single released 'Rock and Roll is Dead' is the carry-over from his last album ARE YOU GONNA GO MY WAY. A transition piece to carry the huge success and interest of the listeners over. Once your into the Circus, 'Can't Get You Off My Mind', and 'In My Life Today' seal the door of interest and you become overwhelmed by the curious and exciting world of Kravitz.

The CD deserves a good long listen and a four-star rating as an excellent piece of modern music history.

Ben Harper

By WILL WEBSTER
Staff Writer

I liked Ben Harper's For Your Mind right from the opening drumbeat.

Being a child of the 60s, I'm partial to anything with an acoustic protest bent. I'm also partial to Hammond B3 organs and strong percussion parts, the latter provided by Leon Lewis Mobley.

Produced by Harper and JP Plunier, this CD reminds me of a young Richie Havens. Lyrically it is full of the same soulful melancholy that graced early Havens material.

In Ground on Down Harper chants, "I have faith in a few things, divinity and grace, but even when I'm on my knees, I know the devil prays, and you're working you way, from the ground on down."

Harper, like Havens, is African-American, and uses his background in folk, blues and gospel to render his songs in raw, unobtrusive fashion. There is very little in the way of studio production on this EMI Virgin Music recording.

His lyrics in Give a Man a Home reflect the simple directness of his approach: "in a world that is unwhole, you have got to fight to keep your soul, some would rather give than you, won't you give, won't you up before they believe, won't you, won't you give, won't you give a man, give a man a home."

Obviously Harper, who composed all the songs and plays acoustic guitar and Weissenborn (a relative of steel), carries his deep religious faith into his songs. His faith, like the songs, is presented without fanfare.

If you simply want to lay back and relax with some easy atmosphere, this CD is just what the therapist ordered. I give it four stars for content and the frequent use of percussion as the lead instrument.

Read speak

A second Calling All Writers season will begin at After Hours on Monday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m..

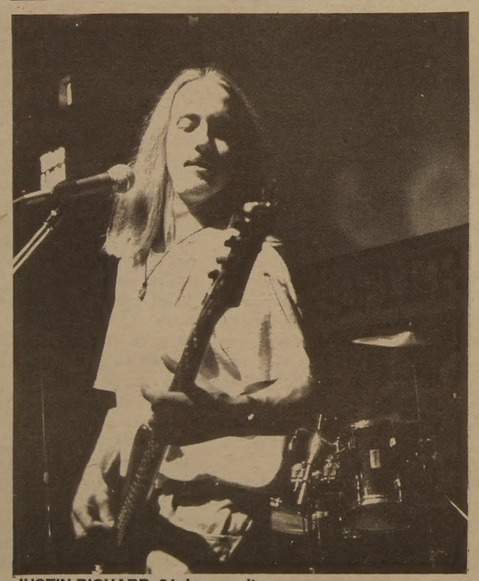
The evening will feature Niagara College and community writers and poets sharing their work in an open-stage environment. All local writers and poets are welcome to participate in this event.

Afternoon at After Hours

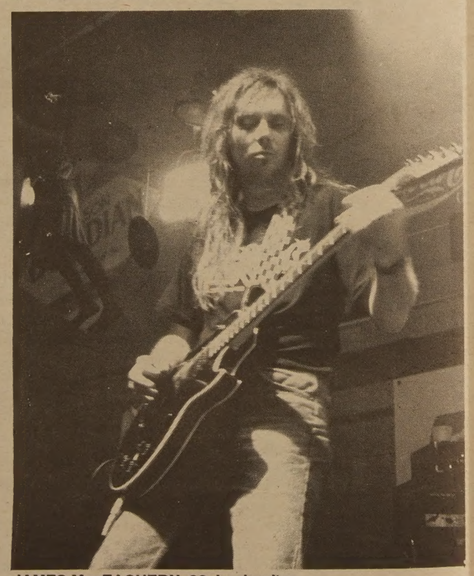
Magnets vs Monkeys

JEFF HARDY, 25, lead vocals — Photo by Ron Duguay

SCOTT ANDERSON, 20, lead vocals — Photo by Ron Duguay



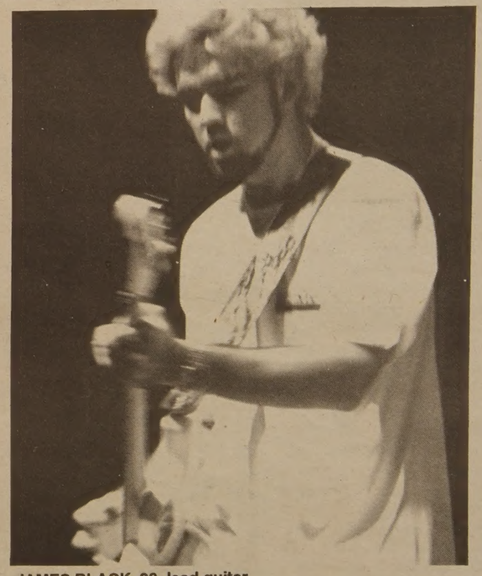
JUSTIN RICHARD, 21, bass guitar — Photo by Dean Michel



JAMES MacEACHERN, 28, lead guitar — Photo by Dean Michel

The Fridge Magnets, a St. Catharines-based quartet played at After Hours Sept. 14. Port Dalhousie's Lions Tavern features the band every Tuesday night. Band members include Jeff Hardy, Justin Richard and twin brothers Jamie and Rob MacEachern.

BLACK and ANDERSON — Photo by Dean Michel



JAMES BLACK, 20, lead guitar — Photo by Ron Duguay

On Sept. 28, the Rainbow Butt Monkeys performed at After Hours. The quintet from Burlington garnered a nomination for best alternative video at the 1995 MuchMusic Video Awards. Band members include James Black, Rick Jackett, Rob Gommernan and brothers Scott and Sean Anderson.

AND ENTERTAINMENT

ARTS

Sex, lies and ridiculous advice recounted in Victorian era reflection

By DEBBIE CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

If a woman becomes too studious, her breasts may shrink or disappear altogether. And eating sugary confections can leave you in moral jeopardy ... according to Victorian childcare experts.

Sex, Nursery Rhymes and Other Evils by Dr. Peter Marshall is 141 pages of the "bizarre, amusing, sometimes shocking advice" of these experts.

Published through Whitecap Books of Toronto, Marshall takes us back to what our ancestors thought was the foremost information on discipline, play and leisure, education, health, sexuality and the importance of mother.

The advice of past experts is mixed well with Marshall's amusing stories of his own child-rearing experience. One moment, you'll be furious at the way the Victorians were instructed to discipline their children and on the next page, he'll have you laughing as he shares how his methods have changed between the 1960s and the present.

Throughout the book, he points out extremes regarding the advice. He follows this pattern with the scope of information he offers.

Marshall is a child psychologist and a practicing clinician in Ontario, specializing in assertiveness, sexuality and teenagers.

I suggest keeping in mind the parents in this book were not out to intentionally hurt or humiliate their children. They were a product of their time. A hundred years from now, I'm sure others will read a book about our childrearing practices and find it just as disturbing and hilarious.

Other books by Marshall include Cinderella Revisited: How to Survive Your Stepfamily Without a Fairy Godmother and Now I Know Why Tigers Eat Their Young: How to Survive Your Teenagers with Humor, which won a Parent's Choice Award.

Monkeys blast After Hours

By JEFF MacKAY
Staff Writer

Niagara College became a zoo for an afternoon as the Rainbow Butt Monkeys appeared on campus.

The Burlington-based band played an hour set to a packed crowd in After Hours on Sept. 28.

The group formed four years ago as a cover band, playing music by bands like the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Pearl Jam. They have an album of their own music called Letters to Chutney on the Mercury Label.

Singer Scott Anderson, 20, says the band members are "fans of music before they are musicians."

Other members in the band are the energetic James Black, 20, on lead guitar, Rick Jackett, 21, on rhythm guitar, Sean Anderson (brother of singer Scott), 23, on bass, and Rob Gommernan, 21, on drums.

The band showed their influences through the choice of covers they played in entirety or brief segments within the songs. AC/DC, the Beastie Boys, Black Sabbath, House of Pain, and Neil Young were worked into one set.

The crowd seemed most receptive to the original material the band has released in single and video form.

MuchMusic gave the video for the song Circles heavy rotation, which led to a nomination for best alternative video at the 1995 MuchMusic Video Awards aired Sept. 28.

The band has toured Canada extensively opening for some major acts like Bon Jovi, and Canadian acts like Bootsauce and Sven Gali.

More CD reviews

Foo Fighters

By DAVE JOHNSTONE
Staff Writer

Foo Fighters are to Nirvana what The Offspring are to the Sex Pistols. They are the illegitimate children of more mature parents.

While it's obvious The Offspring have no ex-members of the Pistols in their group, the sound is unmistakenly similar. I wish that were the case for this band.

Ex-Nirvana drummer Dave Grohl (now on guitar) tries to be just like his parent band, but in the process he picks up all of the ugly habits that made Nirvana a band loved by many, and hated by just as many.

Grohl tries to sound too much like the late Kurt Cobain, both in guitar sounds and vocal yearnings. Maybe he thinks he can cash in on the fame of his former employer. Maybe he can't be original. Maybe, like the rest of Generation X, he can't get a real day job either.

The rest of the band sits in a sea-of-mud mix, with only the kick drum thudding restlessly and the occasional bass guitar fill above the multi-tracked guitars.

While I love the original sound that Nirvana pioneered, this is simply another album that's destined to be in the $9.99 specials bin in about six months.

Varga

By DAVE JOHNSTONE
Staff Writer

Varga has created quite a name for themselves in the Niagara and Toronto rock scenes. Oxygen, their latest release, offers more insight into the band's potential.

Their heavy brand of Hamilton steel-town metal grinds like a chainsaw through hard butter. This is one band to check out if you're into loud bands reminiscent of Judas Priest and Led Zeppelin.

What is unique to this CD is the production. Songs like Needlestack and Healer glisten with arena-echo of big drums and full, intriguing vocals. The band handled their own production.

This disc is highly recommended for serious partying.

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Opening of child care centre 'impressive'

By RON CROWLEY
Staff Writer

Rain was falling outside, but it was balloons and smiles inside at the official opening ceremonies of the child care centre Sept. 20.

Hans van der Slagt, Niagara College's vice-president of administration began the festivities by providing some background information on the project's beginnings.

Welland-Thorold NDP MPP Peter Kormos began his speech by saying his colleagues at Queen's Park in Toronto could learn from the "excellent behavior" of the children in attendance at the centre.

Niagara College President John Saso praised Bromac Construction and Engineering of Pelham for its "fine work" on the project and praised the efforts of Sandy Fox, the college's head of Ancillary Services, and the centre's staff.

Saso and Welland Mayor Dick Reuter expressed optimism for the continuation of the college development. The centre is "great for the children and benefits the entire community of Welland," said Reuter.

During the ceremony, Bromak Construction owner John Klassen presented Pat Eversden, the childhood centre manager, with a painting.

In an interview after the ceremony, Kormos hailed the project as "impressive and clearly successful." With child care of concern to many citizens, Kormos said, "It illustrates the need for an ongoing commitment from provincial government to continue to invest in child care and this government says 'no'.

"This government has shut the door on children and working parents and I simply don't find that acceptable and I don't think most of the community does," said Kormos.

Niagara College President John Saso (far left) applauds with Welland-Thorold MPP Peter Kormos, Hans van der Slagt, the college's vice-president of administration, Sandy Fox, head of ancillary services, while Pat Eversden, centre manager, receives a painting from John Klassen, owner of Bromac Construction and Engineering.

Photo by Ron Crowley

Picnic success

By JOHN ROUSSEL
Staff Writer

A fund-raising picnic held at Polonia Park was successful in raising $5,000.

This is the first year for the picnic. It was on Sunday, Sept. 24, organized by the Niagara College Foundation and members of the Polish community.

The $10 charge for the picnic included all you could eat and the entertainment of three Polish bands, said Martha Gleddie, the co-ordinator of special events for the Niagara College Foundation. "The event was fantastic."

Lawrence Naftulin, chief executive officer of the Niagara College Foundation said about 500 people attended the event.

Joe Kedzierski, owner of St. Joseph's Bakery in St. Catharines, was given a Niagara College sweatshirt by College President John Saso for his part in putting the picnic together. Gleddie said he was an important factor in letting the Polish community know about the picnic.

People responsible for helping run the picnic are Heather Hodgson, co-ordinator of the Law and Security Administration program, and her students who ran the security. Patrick Hogan, manager of Food and Beverage Services program and Hospitality and Tourism students prepared the food.

Isabelle McGarry, administrative assistant to Lawrence Naftulin, said there was a feeling of "comraderie" at the picnic. "The kids had a wonderful time."

Niagara College a brighter place for learning

By MILAN DURCO
Staff Writer

You will soon be able to walk down a brighter path at Niagara College.

Work has started on new lightposts from the main entrance at the college to the Black Walnut building.

Ground Aerial Maintenance Service Ltd. (GAMS) is using new technology to install six lightposts for better public saftey.

The new lightposts will be in the same style with an increase of power from 100-watt to 400-watt bulbs.

"The new lightposts will give better illumination," said Larry Vaughan, a Niagara College graduate from the Electrical Engineering and Technology program and a GAMS employee.

A preliminary survey was done in May, but there was a six to10-week wait for materials.

GAMS' employees started the work Sept. 25.

"We hope to have the base set up and then it will take two days to get everything in operation," said Vaughan.

The original lightposts had the base covered with cement, which made it difficult and costly to repair. "You would have to dig it back up and seal it with cement again," said Vaughan.

A new product called Sonic Tube is threaded into the ground and covered with soil.

The Sonic Tube will cost much less than the original lightpost cost, which was $300 to $400 a lightpost to construct.

"It's retrievable so if it needs repair we just unscrew it, fix it, and screw it back in," said Vaughan.

"This method is on the edge of technology, less costly and doesn't cosume as many working hours," said George Stong, maintenance supervisor for the college.

Weather permitting, Stong said he is confident the job will be done quickly.

Ground Aerial Maintenance Service Ltd. employees install new lightposts at Niagara College Welland campus.

Photo by Milan Durco

Attention — students with the gift of gab needed

By JOHN ROUSSEL
Staff Writer

Wanted — able- bodied students with the gift of gab needed to volunteer their time at the Niagara College Foundation's phone-a-thon.

Lewis Silvestri, of the Alumni Foundation, said the money raised will be held in a special account. Any other money raised through subsequent fund-raising will also be deposited. Each year the account's interest will be awarded as bursaries to students in financial need.

"We would like to be there to help students," said Silvestri. This year there will be seven $300 bursaries available from the Alumni Foundation.

The alumni hope to raise $3,000 to $4,000 with the phone-a-thon.

If people are interested in volunteering to help on the phones, call Martha Gleddie at the Niagara College Foundation at 988-5211.

SPORTS

Knights looking to rebound in '95 season

By BRIAN BOWMAN
Staff Writer

Experience wins ball games.

That's what head coach Randy Conlon is hoping as he prepares for his second season behind the bench of the Niagara College men's basketball team.

Following a disappointing 4-8 record a year ago, which saw his club fail to reach post-season action, Conlon appears confident heading into this season.

The Knights realized a need to improve their talent level and team depth with the recruiting of 6'1" guard Rheinhold Klassen and 6'6" Sutton, Ont., native Keith Tenney, whose size up front should help the Knights' scoring inside.

"We lost a few games last year simply cause we couldn't get the ball inside and score," said Conlon. "Now we have an inside threat to go along with our outside shooting."

The Knights' dismal offence was led by rookie guard Mike Hurley, a second team all-star, whose 19 points a game was tops for the Knights and was good enough for fourth overall in league scoring.

Hurley's impressive 34 three-pointers led all league shooters from downtown.

Last season was simple for opposing teams — shut down Hurley — and shut down Niagara's attack.

This year Conlon envisions a much more effective and high-powered offence, hoping that 6'4" Derek Flindall and 6'5" Adriaan Knaap continue to improve up front.

With the additions of Tenney and Brantford North Park's 6'7" Jeff Eden, Niagara's front court improves tremendously in both size and ability.

"This year, we (the coaching staff) have the luxury to replace a good player who may be having an off night," said Conlon, 28, a former guard who played for the 1986-87 Knights. "Last season we didn't have that luxury."

Randy Conlon, in his second season behind the Knights' bench, leads a talented ball club.

Niagara's biggest change from last season is the graduation of all-star forward Frank Keltos. Keltos spent three spirited seasons running the floor for the Knights, and now finds himself as an assistant coach alongside returning assistant Jim Marando.

"We lost a real leader in Frank (Keltos)," said Conlon. "He was our team's hardest worker and he'll obviously be tough to replace in the lineup. What we need now is for someone to step up and become the type of leader that Keltos was. Fortunately for us — what we lose in Keltos the player, we gain in Keltos the coach," he added.

Conlon has been impressed through training camp with the work ethic and team chemistry shown by his ballclub.

"I've probably seen the guys work harder in the last two weeks than they did all of last season — for the coaching staff — that's a very good sign that we hope continues," said Conlon. "When a team works hard together on the floor, they tend to get a lot better as a team."

For the Knights to be successful this season, they will definitely have to beat the teams of lesser talent, a problem that resulted in their dismal 4-8 record.

"We lost an overtime game (78-77) to Mohawk (College) and a double overtime game to Fanshawe," said Conlon. "Give us those two wins and we're 6-6 and we make the playoffs."

"Our goal for this season is to reach the Final Four. It may seem a bit unrealistic but if you set your goals too low you tend to underachieve. This team needs to set their goals at a higher level than last season."

Knights pass to victory

By BRIAN BOWMAN
Staff Writer

The Niagara College men's touch football team continued their winning ways with three straight victories in the West Regional tournament held this past weekend at Mohawk College in Hamilton.

Hungry for their third consecutive Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) championship, the Knights rode the strong arm of second-year quarterback Jason Hayes to victory.

Two-lopsided victories over George Brown (of Toronto) 42-18 and a 73-0 thrashing of Lambton College of Sarnia, set the stage for the final showdown against Mohawk College.

Both teams were 2-0 heading into the final game — with the winner taking home bragging rights for the tournament and an automatic berth in the provincial championships to be held Oct. 14 in Brockville, Ont.

"It was important mentally for us to finish first in the tournament," coach Peter Rylander said. "To know we beat a good football team in Mohawk, can only help us when we play them in the provincials."

Niagara saw a 22-20 half-time lead dwindle in the second half and found themselves trailing 35-34, before the offense exploded for 26 unanswered points.

Harold Harris and Robin Machauer each scored three touchdowns, while John Diprietro added a single in the final game.

Knights explode offensively

Rylander said he was pleased with the team's offensive play, but was concerned about the team's defensive collapse in the final.

"We have to sharpen up defensively," said Rylander. "We missed coverages when we played man to man. As a team we like to play a 4-2 zone, but even when we played a zone — guys were missing coverages."

New coach for women

By SALVADOR RAMOS JR.
Staff Writer

New season, new coach, new blood — the beginning of a new college women's basketball team.

Brian Bleich, 27, is the new head coach of the team. He says he hopes to give something from his own experiences to the team.

Bleich is a former All-Canadian from Brock University. He was a member of the Canadian National Team from 1985 to 1987.

Coach Blair Bleich attends to one of the girls trying out for the team.
Photo by Salvador Ramos Jr

This is his first year as a head coach since he coached at Governor Simcoe High School in St. Catharines. For the past nine years, he ran a summer camp at Brock University in St. Catharines for the Ontario Basketball Association.

Bleich says he still plays for a team with former alumni from Brock. They play in an "elite" basketball league in Toronto, with a lot of teams from the U.S.

"It is all new to me (coaching college)," he says, adding he is "pretty happy" with the women who have come to the practices.

Bleich says he has set two goals for the team. One is to have a winning season, while his other goal is to take this year's team into next year and improve.

The new coach's philosophy is simple, he believes in keeping everything positive, he says, adding a coach should always tell the player how to do better the next time, rather than reminding the individual of the mistake made.

"... if the girls respect you, they listen to you," and that makes it easier for the players and coach, he says.

The team starts play at an invitational tournament at Niagara on Oct. 20 and 21. The regular season begins Nov. 7 at Seneca College in North York.

Hockey trip planned to Buffalo

SAC visits NHL

By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

If you miss the Niagara College hockey team and need a hockey fix, the Student Administrative Council (SAC) has a healthy alternative — the National Hockey League.

On Wednesday, Nov. 1, at 5:50 p.m., a bus will be leaving After Hours at the Welland campus bound for Buffalo, where the home-town Sabres will be playing host to the Detroit Red Wings.

Lyndon Johnston, SAC's vice-president of athletic affairs, said the trip will get the students out of the school and expose them to something different.

"People will be able to afford to see something they normally wouldn't, not all students own a vehicle. It's going to be a fun experience."

For $27, you'll receive a game ticket and bus transportation to and from Buffalo, N.Y. There are 48 tickets available for the trip and they can be picked up at the SAC office.

Puck drops at 7:35 p.m. Don't forget to bring proof of your Canadian citizenship such as a birth certificate or passport.

Niagara College's golf team finishes 8th overall

By JOHN EATON
Staff Writer

The Niagara College golf team finished eighth out of 12 teams at the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association Golf Championships in Peterborough.

The two-day championship tournament was held at the Kawartha Golf Club on Sept. 27 and Sept. 28.

Niagara's Darin French shot an 89 in the first round and improved that by two strokes in the second. Teammate Brian Weir shot 88 in both rounds. Jason White shot scores of 88 and 92, and Greg Sommerville had rounds of 91 and 97.

The team finished the two-day tournament with a total score of 532.

"I was hoping we could have won a medal," said Peter Rylander, the college's athletic co-ordinator.

Niagara was second last year.

Durham College in Oshawa finished first in the tournament with a total score of 476, followed by Mohawk College of Hamilton. Windsor's St. Clair College was third.

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NFL vs CFL — what's real football?

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

The barbecues were all set, the cars had found a spot to rest, the wedding party had arrived, the blimp was up in the heavens keeping a watchful eye and on Sept. 24, the "dog pound" was open for business.

Cleveland, a city just like any other in the U.S. which has a National Football League (NFL) franchise, is home to the Cleveland Browns and their loyal fans.

Cleveland Stadium, better known as the "dog pound," housed 78,000 crazed fans who saw the home team humiliate the undefeated Kansas City Chiefs 35-17.

As early as 1 p.m., fans were showing their colors (brown and orange), some wore dog masks, others orange inflatable helmets, and Browns merchandise could be seen everywhere (from T-shirts, and hats to mugs and licence plates).

At 2 p.m. (two hours before the game), people were enjoying their barbecues, playing catch in the parking lot, and among other things — "getting pumped up" for the game.

At 3 p.m., fans start to take their seats to enjoy the teams warming up. Whenever Kansas City tried anything, the crowd showed its disapproval by booing, and cheered for anything any member of the Cleveland team did.

Before the game started, fans enjoyed different types of foods, such as tacos, nachos (with cheese, meat and other ingredients), hot dogs, ice cream, juices and pop, and, of course, beer.

Following the food shopping, fans proceeded to cheer or boo someone or simply watched another game, showing on one of the many television sets placed around the stadium.

By 4 p.m., the band takes centre stage leading the way for the team by putting on a show. After the band, the national anthem (the American one) was played and everyone stood, taking off their hats and being quiet until it was over.

The game starts and the crowd explodes, chanting songs which include the name Browns more than once, while some called the Chiefs every name in the book, and others booed anything the Browns did wrong.

In the end when the Browns were done, the crowd left happy, content, and full of joy as the ticket price was worth it.

All in all, it was a great show which is put on every Sunday during the NFL season.

Only in America! The wedding party arrives at Cleveland's "dog pound."
Photo by Salvador Ramos Jr.

Special Report

Sal Ramos Jr.

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

No barbecues were found, not many cars could be seen, no wedding party in sight and there was no blimp in the heavens. It was Canadian Football League (CFL) night in Hamilton Sept. 29.

Hamilton, a city just like eight cities in Canada which houses a CFL franchise, is home to the Hamilton Tiger Cats and their followers.

On this night, about 21,000 fans at Ivor Wynne Stadium saw the home team run the clock to the last second of the game, losing to the Winnipeg Blue Bombers 24-21.

By 5 p.m. (2-1/2 hours before the game), the stadium's small parking lot is as empty as the stadium itself.

By 6 p.m., some fans start to show their faces (some are painted, some are not). It still was not that crowded and it did not seem as though something big would be happening.

One hour before the game, the parking lot is filled, buses start to unload fans — still no barbecues, still no blimp.

All around there were painted faces, individuals wearing the team's black and gold, people dressed as though they were going to church, others as though they were going to a local bar and children of all ages.

While waiting for the game and during the game, fans rely on the small variety of food sold at the concession stands. There are no television sets or big score boards, telling scores from around the league.

At 7:30 p.m. (game time), a small band leads players onto the field and moderate cheers are heard.

After the band, the national anthem (the Canadian one) is played and some of the fans proceed to sing. The echo produced sounded patriotic.

The game started and most of the fans got into it. Most of the fans erupted when Hamilton did something good, and fell in total silence when Winnipeg did well.

Throughout the game, cheerleaders cheered at the end of plays, and many prizes were given away.

The Blue Bombers took an early 20-3 lead, silencing the fans. But the Ti-Cats mounted a comeback which resulted in 20 points, but it proved to be too little.

In the end, fans left content with an entertaining game, but not happy with the score.

Not all games are on Friday nights; they are scattered throughout the week and so the show can differ depending on the city and time of game.

The race for the cup begins

By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

"Super Mario" is back.

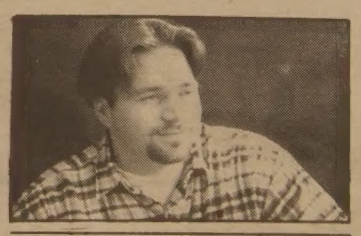
The off-season brought many trades of players and franchises.

Quebec went to Colorado, and Winnipeg is ready to fly south to Minneapolis. The shift is on to make Canada's game — hockey — the American pastime.

After sitting out a season, Mario Lemieux of the Pittsburgh Penguins has returned offering hope for the Stanley Cup. The team he left has changed with Kevin Stevens and Joe Mullen going to the Boston Bruins. Another change saw Luc Robitaille and Ulf Samuelsson go to the New York Rangers for Alexi Zubov and Peter Nedved.

The St. Louis Blues were busy trading Brendan Shanahan to the Hartford Whalers for Chris Pronger and Curtis Joseph to the Edmonton Oilers for Shayne Corson.

On the free-agent market, the Blues picked up Dale Hawerchuk from the Buffalo Sabres and Grant



Jason Chase

Fuhr from the Los Angeles Kings. The Blues hope the money they've spent will buy them the Stanley Cup.

The Toronto Maple Leafs traded Dmitri Mironov to the Penguins for Larry Murphy and sent Mike Ridley to the Vancouver Canucks for Sergio Momesso. The Canucks picked up Alexander Mogilny from the Sabres for Mike Peca and conditional draft picks. The Canucks hope their Russian duo of Pavel Bure and Mogilny will score more than a 100 goals.

The Montreal Canadians will rule as Quebec's team and try to get back to their playoff glory after missing last year's playoffs. The New Jersey Devils are trying to rebuild after a surprising Stanley Cup win, but some key members have left for money.

The Rangers hope they can catch the Stanley Cup they won two years ago while the Toronto Maple Leafs will try to make it to the Stanley Cup finals.

The test will be for the Calgary Flames, who lost Joel Otto to the Flyers, to prove they aren't a burnout team with no desire. The Philadelphia Flyers and the 'Legion of Doom' line of Eric Lindros, John LeClair and Mikael Renberg, should go further with the playoff experience they gained last season.

It's too early to pick a clear shot winner, but the Rangers, Flyers, and Canucks seem to have the pieces to make run for the cup. But names like Jeremy Roenick of the Chicago Blackhawks and Alexi Yashin of the Ottawa Senators could be traded as the final piece of the puzzle called Stanley.

New coaching blood

By JENNIFER DICKENS
Staff Writer

There are a few new faces in the world of sports at Niagara College.

Last year, Blair Cudmore was the college's 1994-95 male athlete of the year. This year, Cudmore, 23, is no longer a player — he's the coach of the men's varsity volleyball team.

"Blair deserved to win the title of men's athlete of the year," said Ray Sarkis, athletic technician at last year's athletic banquet. "I thought with a little bit of practice and hard work, he could make it far and by being awarded this title he proved it."

Cudmore isn't the only new face.

Sandro Perruzza, 28, is the 1995-96 men's varsity indoor soccer coach. Perruzza was one of the 15 players from last year's Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association fourth-place team.

Some of the old faces include curling coach Brian Nagy, badminton coach Dave Carpenter, women's varsity indoor soccer coach Steve Celestini, men's varsity basketball team coach Randy Conlon and golf instructor Peter Rylander.

Two coaches from last year have stepped aside and given most of their duties to a co-instructor. Peter Rylander, the men's touch football coach, has chosen Conlon, 28, to be his right hand man, while Ray Sarkis, men's volleyball coach, has chosen Cudmore to be his assistant.

Carolyn Schatz is the new women's varsity volleyball coach, while Brian Bleich, a Brock University graduate, is the new women's basketball coach.

Toronto's Caribana joins forces with Niagara's Wine

By DEBBIE CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

Not more than 15 minutes into the St. Catharines Grape and Wine Parade, as the participants roamed down the city's festive streets on Sept. 23, a confrontatior occurred between two secondary princes.

A large, flat-bed truck, decorated in ribbons and balloons, crawled down the route with its load of contestants from the junior prince and princess pageant.

The children sat on bails of hay while a train conductor entertained the masses with his miniature locomotive and a harmonica.

As the conductor informed the crowd that all of these children were runners up, that nobody placed less than second, one young boy seemed to take offense at something and punched the boy beside him in the arm.

The bespeckled victim was slightly older, perhaps eight or nine, and gallantly ignored this assault from the short, fair-haired bully.

The little devil with the blue denim on didn't give up. Punching soon led to flying hay and wherever the prey went, the bully followed.

Not quite as mature as the children but certainly funnier, were three stooge-like members of the Zakouski comedy troupe of Outremont, Que., decked out in black suits, short ties, white gloves and thick-rimmed glasses. They marched down the street carrying folding card table chairs.

Sitting down, they'd incite the crowd to cheer. When the volume rose, the threesome bounced out of their seats feigning terror and moved to another location, repeating the act.

Just as outrageous were the Cosmos, an inventive junkyard band. Their half bicycle-half wagon contraption had all the markings of a Dr. Suess creation. It looked as if it couldn't possibly do anything and yet the musical beat that came out of it rivaled the contagious beat of the steel bands that followed.

Trailing behind the steel bands were dozens of people adorned in fanciful costumes from Toronto's Caribana festival which celebrates the music of the Caribbean. Huge flowered horseshoes were strapped to their backs and shields equally as decorated were draped over their shoulders. This was only a taste of the grand finale.

Feathers, sequins, spears, shimmering cloth and paper and wild imaginations created the fantastic costumes that were slowly pulled down the street by enveloped volunteers. Some of these costumes were so big or elaborate, the average viewer would have trouble finding the person within the pomp.

There was certainly more to this year's parade than bands and waving walkers.

Caribana costumes help brighten the Grape and Wine Parade.
Photo by Debbie Cunningham

125 years celebrated with dignitaries

By LEE-ANN AYRES
Staff Writer

It was fun and games at Port Colborne's 125th anniversary celebration on Sunday, Oct. 1, at Lock Eight Fountainview Park.

One highlight was the designation of the old Mennonite house at 269 Killaly St. W. by the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee.

The meeting house was built in 1872 and was used until 1974, when it was sold by the congregation to private owners. Mark and Margaret Pratt, the present owners, had some problems when they first moved in.

"We caught a racoon, a possum and 13 wild cats," says Margaret Pratt.

"This is an important display of our Mennonite heritage," said Erie MP John Maloney.

Many political dignitaries attended the event including Mayor Neal Schoen, who came dressed as J.C. Karr, the first reeve of Port Colborne. Former mayor Bob Saracino was dressed as Sir John Colborne, Lord Seaton, Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada. Bob Heil of Beamsville opened the ceremony as the Town Crier.

The ceremony continued at Lock Eight Fountainview Park where city council members re-enacted the first council meeting. Also, several citizens took part in a beard-growing contest, which was announced in September. The judge, a local barber, announced Councillor Vince DiBartemello the winner, although Councillor Bea Kenny made it a close race.

Some of the highlights of the celebration included pony rides for children, the opportunity to see a great horned owl named Boo-Boo and music from the Robert Wood's Singers and Family Pride.

Niagara South PC MPP Tim Hudak put it best when he said "history is important for the vital lesson it gives us."

From Souvlaki to Mahi Mahi

All ages have fun at the Grape and Wine Festival, ...?

By NANCY KIMSEY
Staff Writer

Seafood, souvlaki, buskers and cooking demonstrations highlighted this year's "Tastiest Party".

The second annual Niagara Food Festival, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, featured tempting items from more than 25 area restaurants, wineries and food producers.

Fare ranged from poutine for $1 to grilled mahi mahi fish with Spanish ratatouille for $3.

One booth offered a tasty seafood fusilli with shrimp, scallops and crab in a tomato cream sauce served over pasta.

Paul Gates, of Niagara Falls, said he enjoyed the food.

"It was very good" he said of the pork souvlaki in a pita he ate.

Rob Theriault, of Pelham, said he disliked the food service.

"It would be better if there were trays or something to put things on. These little containers are a pain."

Lineups stretched at booths for Greek food or ice cream on downtown Welland's Merritt Island.

Entertainment included cooking demonstrations, ice carving, musical acts, and for the first time, street buskers (entertainers).

Juggler Greg Tarlin, of Brampton, said, "I've been busking professionally for six years now. I'm having a lot of fun. My only concern is whether the music is too loud for people to hear me."

Children received free balloons.

A display for Ontario Pork featured a wheel of fortune one could spin and test your pork knowledge. Correct answers received a free pencil with the Ontario Pork symbol on it.

Cooking demonstrations were sponsored by Zehrs Food Plus Markets and featured President's Choice products.

Juggler Greg Tarlin cycles his way through the festivities.
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UNITED WAY'S Lineup for 1995

By RON WOLF
Staff Writer

Jail and Bail, Trivia Night, Casino Night and a Breakfast are part of the United Way's exciting lineup for 1995.

Jail and Bail will be held Oct. 13 at Seaway Mall on Niagara Street in Welland and at Port Mall on Westside Road in Port Colborne at 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The minimum donation arrest fee will be $25. The bail is to match or better the arrest fee.

Trivia and Pub Night will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 4 on Morningstar Avenue in Welland on Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Prizes include $200 for first place, $100 for second, and $50 for third.

The entry fee is $10 a person and will require three to six people for a team.

All entry fees are required by Oct. 10 at the Seaway Mall. The United Way of South Niagara offices are upstairs at the Seaway Mall. Anyone seeking more information can call 735-0490 for pre-registration.

There will be a full range of categories from old movies, crime and criminals, famous people, television, to the human body.

Club Social in Welland held a Casino Night sponsored by the Welland Hospital on Sept. 22.

About $2,500 was raised for the United Way, said Connie Dechellis, co-chairperson for the event.

The United Way of South Niagara held its kickoff breakfast at Club Richelieu in Welland on Sept. 18. About 170 people attended the event.

At the breakfast, about $27,000 was raised in donations for the United Way, said Sharon Svob, campaign and marketing director for the organization.

The United Way will get "100 per cent" of the profits raised from the breakfast, said Marcel Turpin, a United Way volunteer.

Club Richelieu donated the food and space to the United Way.

"That is their donation," said Gary W. Clement, executive director of the United Way of South Niagara.

Some co-chair members for the United Way of South Niagara were present for the Niagara College Kick-Off '95. From left are: Rick Demers, Nancy Avolio, Holly Gennings, Sharon Svob (campaign and marketing director for United Way of South Niagara), Shelly Dumas, Michelle Pugh and Al Unwin Jr. Absent were Paula Roberto and Josi Lavigne.

Photo by Ron Wolf

Dress Down Days

By RON WOLF
Staff Writer

Dress Down Fridays, prizes, parking permits and helping others are all incentives in the Niagara College United Way drive.

Niagara College is hoping to raise $20,000 for the United Way of South Niagara, beating last year's goal of $13,000, said Rick Demers, Niagara College's United Way campaign co-chair.

Demers and Holly Gennings are Niagara College's United Way campaign co-chairs.

Mike Collins, a Niagara College English instructor and a longtime supporter of the United Way, was also on hand for the kickoff event on Sept. 27.

"The United Way has proven to be a cost-effective way to help low-income people and deserves public support," said Collins. "There will be more need for United Way agencies because of tough times created by provincial government cutbacks."

Pledge packages have been sent to the staff and they are encouraged to send the forms back as soon as possible. Early returns are eligible for prizes.

"It's an incentive to return the forms as soon as possible," said Michelle Pugh, committee member for the United Way of South Niagara.

Dress Down days started last Friday for the staff at the college.

Interested staff members can donate $1 towards the United Way of South Niagara. This will allow the staff members to dress in non-traditional clothes such as jeans and T-shirts.

If the forms are returned in the first week by staff, they are eligible to win a one-year parking permit donated by Ancillary Services.

The second week's prize is a Continuing Education gift certificate donated by Continuing Education. The third week's prize is a gift donated by the Horticulture Centre in St. Catharines. The fourth week's prize is two bottles of wine donated by Continuing Education, followed by a day off with pay approved by Carol Boettcher, Niagara College's vice-president of student life and human resources. On the fifth and sixth weeks, a dinner is available for two at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls.

The staff will have a chance to donate but how much and from whom will not be known, said Pugh.

Students can pick up pledge packages at Employment Services in Room S101 in the Welland campus, but won't be eligible for prizes.

Other activities for staff and students will include a 50/50 draw.

. A jar will be in the main security office where staff and students will be invited to donate $1 along with their name and phone number.

The winner will receive half the money in the jar with the other half going to the United Way of South Niagara.

The winning names will be drawn starting Oct. 6 and every Friday afternoon when it's convenient for the security staff, said Demers.

Coin boxes will be placed at various locations throughout the college for students and staff to make donations.

Sharon Svob, campaign and marketing director for the United Way of South Niagara, attended the kickoff event, along with Nancy Avolio, Shelly Dumas, Michelle Pugh and Al Unwin Jr.

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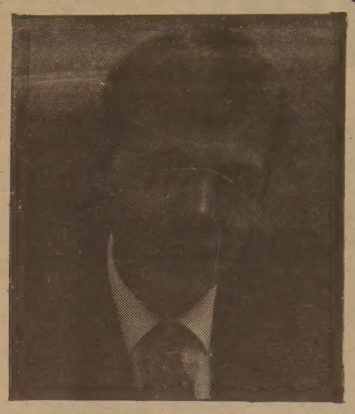
Secondary education on the rise among adults



David Pihach, principal of Bishop McCarthy School.

By DEBBIE CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

For five decades, adult education has taken many forms. In the last 10 to 15 years, secondary schools for adults have come into existence.

The philosophy has changed from "I'm going back to school because I'm a dummy," to "the best minds are still learning," said David Pihach, principal of Bishop T.J. McCarthy Adult Secondary School in St. Catharines.

Bishop McCarthy School caters to students 18 years of age and older who want to finish their high school education in one year, to upgrade their skills and to develop self-confidence and a positive outlook. They'll take in anyone in Lincoln County who has been out of school for one year and wants to learn.

"Let's face it. If you don't like yourself or if you don't think you're skilled enough or good enough, it's very difficult to become more employable," Pihach said.

Once that confidence is built "they realize, like in the *Wizard of Oz*, I do have a brain."

"This is a stage for the next stage," which might be employment or post-secondary education.

Technically and structurally similar to a high school for adolescents, the adult secondary school's major difference is the atmosphere, he said.

Pihach added that everyone is on a first-name basis and the teachers treat the students as adults.

"We're like servant leadership — at times we walk ahead, sometimes we have to follow. We're there to support."

Gerry McCarthy, guidance counsellor at the school and a former guidance counsellor at Denis Morris Secondary School in St. Catharines, said adults are more focused and find learning more interesting.

McCarthy adds adolescents "seem to have all of the time in the world" and whether or not they pass a course doesn't seem to matter to them. However, adults "realize time is money" and they're willing to work.

The number of adults returning has increased.

When Bishop McCarthy opened in September 1992, the first semester attendance was 200 students. This September over 450 students are registered. In 1992, there were 24 computer stations; in 1995 there are over 150 stations. On average, 60 to 70 adults graduate each term with high school diplomas. The oldest graduate was 75 years old.

The future of adult education is uncertain.

"Education is political, and I think we have to wait and see what direction this current [provincial] government is going to take . . . specifically in funding," Pihach said.

Part-time work for nurses

By JIM McNEIL
Staff Writer

Despite a difficult job market, Niagara College nursing graduates had an 80 per cent success rate in finding part-time work, says the college's nursing director.

Donna Cunningham, director of the Nursing Studies Division, says it is hard to find full-time employment in the nursing field at this time in Ontario.

This is the last year of a revised nursing curriculum. Instead, there is more focus on community involvement and wellness with the new curriculum.

Cunningham says the nursing faculty will be able to tell the effectiveness of the new course outline at the end of the year.

A Registered Massage Therapy program has been approved by the Niagara College Board of Governors. The proposal goes to the Ontario Ministry of Education and Training. If approved, massage therapy would be a two-year post-diploma program.

Some Niagara nursing graduates find work in the U.S., as "our nurses are internationally respected," says Cunningham, adding she has made it her "personal crusade" to find out why the Welland High Skills Centre is offering a Registered Practical Nurse program.

The course at the high school is free to students and has available child care.

In a time when education dollars are shrinking every year, Cunningham questions the need for another nursing school in the Niagara Region.

"Niagara College graduates more than sufficient numbers to meet the regional workforce demand."

Cunningham says she resents the fact area school boards are using her municipal tax dollars to support full tuition/education for a program offered at Niagara College.

Representatives of the Welland High Skills Centre were not available for comment at time of publication.

Local school boards reject Sweeney Report

By STEPHANIE BONNER
Staff Writer

All parties involved have agreed to disagree concerning recommendations to save tax dollars by amalgamating Ontario's school boards.

The Sweeney Report, named after task force chair John Sweeney, has recommended to the Ontario government that nearby school boards be amalgamated, covering more geographic area and more children. The report contains recommendations from the Ontario School Board Reduction Task Force.

Provincial government cuts in education are a "crisis that will create and cause this province to become the Mississippi of Canada," said Welland-Thorold NDP MPP Peter Kormos at the Niagara South Board of Education's (NSBE) kick off to its Public Education Works campaign on Sept. 27.

At the kick off, several members of the NSBE expressed similar views about the Sweeney Report.

"Schools are not branch plants," said Pam Constable, provincial executive officer for the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) in her address.

Bill Miller, director of the NSBE, said he wasn't surprised by the task force's recommendations since they had been told by the government to reduce the number of school boards.

Instead, Miller said his surprise stems from the lack of public response to the report. "Where are the questions?" he asked in an interview.

The Ontario government established the task force on Feb. 25 to reduce school boards from 170 to 82, as a way to save money.

The task force, which must submit its final report to the Ontario Minister of Education and Training by Dec. 31, describes the possible financial benefits for students if the number of boards and trustees are reduced. However, the report does not include financial specifics or statistics to support this view.

Ann Gronski, chairperson of the public school board, told the Niagara News the Sweeney report's recommendation "can't prove it'll save money."

Kormos said there is no demonstration of how task force recommendations will save money.

Although no official response has been released, Jennifer Brailey, manager of communications for the Welland County Roman Catholic Separate School Board, told the Niagara News the separate school "board has concerns with some aspects" of the Sweeney Report.

A press release from NSBE suggested a union between public and Catholic school boards as a solution to the problem.

"Confederate boards would work," said Rosemary Hanes, president of OSSTF District 7.

A telephone interview with Angelo Di Ianni, the Catholic school board education director, confirmed his board does not share this view.

"When trustees refer to this issue of amalgamation with Roman Catholic school boards, they are displaying a profound not understanding of constitutional issues concerning the governance of Catholic schools by Catholic ratepayers," said Di Ianni.

He said the Catholic school board would not accept any plan to deny Roman Catholics the right to govern their own schools.

Di Ianni suggested an alternative solution for saving dollars. He said an increased co-operation between boards on issues like shared transportation and joint purchase of materials would be a good way to save. "Savings," said Di Ianni, "that don't impact the programs."

If the Sweeney Report is approved by the Minister of Education and Training, the transition to new school boundaries will likely begin as early as January 1996.

Despite clashing viewpoints on how the problem can be resolved, all agree the children are the most important issue in this debate. Summed up by Gronski, "don't hurt the kids."

'We're here for our children'

By STEPHANIE BONNER
Staff Writer

Public education dignitaries were present for the Public Education Works kick off to the Niagara South Board of Education's 1995-96 public awareness campaign on Sept. 27.

The kick off, featuring displays of educational excellence from high schools around the region, was sponsored by the Niagara South Board and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) of District 7.

Speakers at the two-hour event included Bill Miller, director of education for the Niagara South Board, Reg Ferland, provincial president of the Ontario Public School Teacher's Federation (OPSTF), Pam Constable, provincial executive officer (OPSTF), and George Deguire, parent council representative from A.N. Myer Secondary School in Niagara Falls. Deguire has children attending Myer.

Also speaking was Welland-Thorold NDP MPP Peter Kormos. In an interview prior to his speech, Kormos told the Niagara News the kick off illustrates "why we should fight hard for public institutions. Public services are under attack."

"We're here for our children," said Deguire in his address. "We're here to help our kids."

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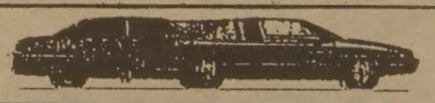

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The Falls Files

Universal Juveniles resurrected to rock

By DEAN MICHEL
Staff Writer

The Universal Juveniles, a Niagara Falls band, returns to the local music scene with the promise of a "made in Canada" performance full of comedy, theatre and rock and roll.

Thirty-six-year-old Mike Wilson of Niagara Falls has resurrected the Universal Juveniles with four local musicians.

Formed in 1983, the original band played to audiences across Canada and featured Wilson as Kim Mitchell.

Wilson bears such a strong physical resemblance to Mitchell he has often been confused for the Canadian rock star who made OPP baseball caps fashionable.

Wilson plays lead guitar, sings lead vocals and is master of ceremonies for the Universal Juveniles' show.

He says Mitchell is his idol because "he has a lot of humility sugarcoated with arrogance and topped with eccentricity. His personality reflects most Canadians'. Most Canadians are intelligent and off the wall — you know what I mean, eh?"

Keyboard player and vocalist Kevin Stremlaw, 24, of St. Catharines, says the band's music is different from today's popular grunge sound.

"This kind of music is different because it doesn't follow the rules of rock and roll. It's more than just three chords and it changes a lot. Musically there's a lot of intricate details. There is also a comedy factor, both musically and lyrically, at work here."

Stremlaw adds the music of Max Webster, the band Mitchell fronted in the '70s, cuts across generations.

"People of every age like Max Webster. It's sort of like a Grateful Dead cult thing."

Bass player Randy Dane, 35, of Niagara Falls, describes Webster music as a hybrid of "a lot of different musical influences from jazz to classical. It's progressive rock made popular in the '70s by such bands as Yes, King Crimson and early Genesis. It is fun, a challenge and rewarding to play because it isn't boring."

Wilson says part of the band's appeal is its identification with the audience. Unlike other bands, he says the Universal Juveniles do not project a self-important rock and roll image.

"Every person who has complimented the Universal Juveniles has said they could be themselves because there was no image from the band. The audience reaction has always been 'I am here to have a good time and check out this really bizarre, intricate, complicated music made in Canada.'"

Wilson said one of the band's strengths is the theatrical aspect of the show.

"It is written into a scripted, theatrical rock show involving props, gimmicks, antics and social statements. It's almost like a human circus act and I play the Jester."

The band also offers an original act called Future Shock.

"Future Shock reflects what man has done to himself in the 1990s," says Wilson. "A good original act is a reflection of people and we write about people. We don't write about flying hippos, pigs or little green men."

Although the Universal Juveniles often play to markets outside the Niagara Region, Wilson says the band always looks forward to playing for audiences close to home.

"Our local audience is important to us because it is always nice to play for a couple thousand friends."

Universal Juveniles' lead singer Mike Wilson says the band's act "is almost like a human circus act and I play the Jester." From left: Kevin Stremlaw, Dave Paugh, Wilson, Randy Dane, Ron Duguay.
Photo by Dean Michel

Kerrio Room now open for business

By RONALD DUGUAY
Staff Writer

Students are filling their plates with knowledge.

The Hospitality and Tourism Centre (HTC), at 5881 Dunn St. in Niagara Falls, is open again for business to cater to your dining needs.

Sue MacGregor, HTC dining room technician, says everyone can partake of à la carte lunches and gourmet dinners in the 65-seat Kerrio Room.

Students work to provide patrons with service and food reflecting the high standards of the industry, she says.

In a "practical" environment, learning is stressed as part of the Culinary Skills and Hotel Restaurant Administration (HRA) students' curriculum.

"It's a practical class," says MacGregor. "It's not practical if we don't have the people (customers.)"

Students train in different aspects of the food and beverage industry.

MacGregor says it gives the students an "overall view" of how things work in the kitchen and dining room.

"It educates them on different problems that arise. It makes the students more empathetic to each other. It helps them to understand how important teamwork is."

They also team up to cater special occasions: baby showers or bridal showers, Christmas parties, graduations and other group functions.

Reservations are recommended for lunches in the Kerrio Room, but walk-ins are welcomed. For dinner, reservations are required.

Jeans can be worn at the lunches says Liz Dempster, 40, of Thorold, a receptionist/clerk at the HTC.

"At night, because it's formal dining, we encourage proper dress, but we don't enforce 'black tie'."

Quality in service and food is reinforced by the formal atmosphere.

Lunch menus range from Moroccan chicken salad sandwiches to shrimp and scallops; from baked haddock to pita bread sandwiches; and from toasted westerns to stuffed pork loin.

Soups, salads and desserts are featured.

Four-course dinners range from beef goulash with spatzle to fillet of turbot, chicken kiev to poached salmon and roast duck to Alaskan crab.

The room is licensed to serve beer and wine.

The dining room's hours of operation are 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Tuesday to Friday. It reopens its doors at 7 p.m. for dinner.

For reservations to the Kerrio Room or catering and special function needs call (905) 374-7454, ext. 3602.

Picture yourself seated here. Elegant dining at an economical price.

Photo by Ron Duguay

MacGregor says the more people dine at the HTC, the more the students learn.

"People who come in usually come back because of the service and the food."

Multifest a success

BY CELESTE DISTEFANO
Staff Writer

Multifest '95 is "a celebration of our cultural diversity," said Niagara Falls Mayor Wayne Thomson.

The Social Planning Council of Niagara Falls held its first annual Multifest on Queen Street on Sunday, Sept 24.

The festival began at 10:30 a.m. with a parade on Queen Street with people representing Greek, Italian and Chinese cultures.

Multifest is a chance for the people of Niagara Falls to study other cultures within their own community, said Thomson.

The event had many displays including African crafts, Chinese dragon dancers and Project Share, an organization to help people with food or shelter.

There were about 50 people at the event who had a chance to buy food from vendors from the Chinese, Greek, Serbian, Italian and African communities.

"We hope Multifest will become an annual event with more participants to join in the festivities in 1996," said Thomson.

The event was sponsored by Casa D'oro, Skylon Tower, Niagara Air Bus and Greater Niagara Restaurant Association.

Canada a difficult change for Korean students

By COURTNEY MARTON
and TRACY LAPRISE
Staff Writers

Soo Hee, 25, and Lee Jung, 18, from Korea, are two students studying English as a Second Language at Niagara College.

Hee came to Niagara after studying for three weeks at the St. Catharines campus. Jung has only been here for a brief time.

Hee says she found it difficult coming to Canada. She says she is homesick and finds the college expensive.

Jung says she is not homesick.

Hee says she plans on staying at the college for one year. After her one year of studying English is finished, she wants to return to Korea and teach English to children.

"In Korea, the teachers have a great deal of enthusiasm teaching," she says, adding she finds classes here too short.

"Education is cheaper in Korea and there are more subjects available, but the style of teaching is the same," says Jung.

'People are more as a relationship in Korea and individuals in Canada'
— Jung

"When I came to Canada, I thought the lake looked like a sea," says Hee. "The lake in Korea is small."

Hee says she found it difficult to enter Canada from Korea. The "Canadian government didn't allow me into the country easily."

Both say the environment here is uncomfortable, and they find it hard to make friends.

They say the clothes and food are "very different" in Canada, adding "Canada is very large and Korea is very small."

Jung and Hee say they enjoy the fast-food taste of McDonald's and restaurants like MT Bellies Tap and Grillhouse.

Jung and Hee say Canadians are kind and bad. They say some people are "selfish and inconsiderate."

"Selfishness is the style of the western and relationship is good," says Hee.

"People are more as a relationship in Korea and individuals in Canada," says Jung. "I like the nightclubs here, I go all the time."

Autumn Skies

Photo by Ron Crowley

Bulletin boards Corbett's art

By MELISSA REID
Staff Writer

Whatever Jacqueline Corbett does you'll see — bulletin board size.

As a first-year Educational Resource and Special Needs (ERSN) student, she designed and chose colors for the board on the Simcoe Building's second floor for general education professors' timetables.

She says she is looking forward to the practical experience on her placement at St. Catharines Westdale Public School.

Her two favorite subjects, she says, are sign language and the foundation/strategies course. The latter teaches students how school systems run and what to anticipate before going on placement. Corbett says the ERSN staff is helpful and always available.

Eugene Maltais, a political science teacher at Niagara College, says Corbett did a "very professional job. It (the board) is very clean and not cluttered."

"The color combination is appealing," says Maltais. "The apple for the teacher is a cute touch."

Maltais says he finds the board "extremely valuable as an information centre" for his students.

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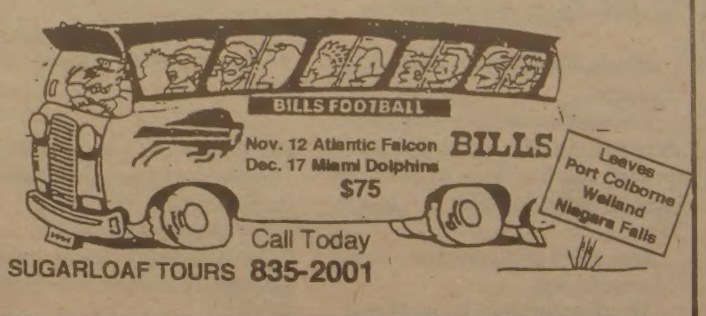

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Lighten your load with PLA credits

By DEBBIE CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

One way to lighten your course load is to try for advanced academic standing or a prior learning assessment credit and Erik Madsen can help.

Madsen, the college's new Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) and Advanced Standing facilitator, says there are two ways.

Advanced standing status, formerly known as exemptions, involves academic learning from a recognized secondary or post-secondary institution.

A student's previous credits, which may meet the learning outcomes of a Niagara College course, are reviewed. Advanced standing can be given in these instances.

— Ontario academic credits (OAC) from a recognized secondary school can be used for non-general education courses only.

— Earlier credits from a Niagara College course, or equivalent, successfully completed within five years of being enrolled in your current program.

— A transfer of credits from another recognized post-secondary institution.

— A block transfer, a group of courses from another recognized post-secondary institution that together provide the same outcome.

There is no fee required when applying for advanced standing but a transcript is required and a form has to be filled out.

Prior learning assessment is a second way to obtain exemption.

Learning comes through academics but also from paid or volunteer work experience, non-credit courses, life experience and self-directed learning, says Madsen.

The assessment is conducted through a structured interview, an exam, an essay, a hands-on demonstration or combination of these to be graded.

To challenge more than one course, it may be "handy" to use a portfolio challenge.

"The portfolio is a rather detailed record of your previous experience" says Madsen, experience that can be verified.

A faculty expert involved in the program area assesses it and determines if a credit is warranted.

Madsen says it's a lot of work for the student but can be used for a number of courses and could eliminate some of the formal assessment. He adds Niagara College offers a course through continuing education in preparing a portfolio.

PLA costs $60 per course, whether one course is being challenged or several at a time.

He says the portfolio is "for people who are not really sure about what they're doing" with regards to what type of program they want or how their previous learning relates to a program.

Up to 75 per cent of a program's credits can be exempted but the student must take at least 25 per cent of a program's credits "in residence" at the college, Madsen says.

Be aware the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) funds may be affected, he adds. If you no longer meet the requirements of a full-time student, the amount of your loan will diminish.

The application deadline for PLA and advanced standing for this term has passed but it's not too late to apply for next term, "the sooner the better" Madsen says. The deadline is the 10th day of class for the term.

For more information, contact Madsen in the counselling office, Merritt building, room ME103, Welland Campus - ext. 7491 or the PLA clerk Elaine Kennedy - ext. 7538.

Erik Madsen an 'adventurous guy'

By NANCY KIMSEY
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) and Advanced Standing facilitator is an adventurous guy.

You may not think so when you see this tall, slim man in a suit going about his daily activities at the college. Erik Madsen, 42, has travelled to five continents.

"I've been to over 60 countries," says Madsen.

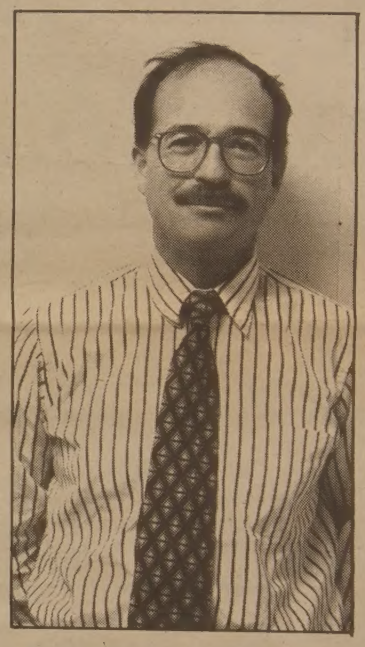
He says he avoids the large hotel and motel chains when travelling. He prefers "budget travelling" at small inns which are locally owned and operated. By doing this he can "experience the culture by being with the locals."

Madsen says he "tends to go to a different place every time. Every country is unique. Every country has something to offer."

He also said he prefers to travel light with "half the clothes and twice the money" fitting what he needs into a backpack.

He has been on a safari in Tanzania where he shared the everyday duties of cooking and cleaning with fellow travellers.

One of the main attractions in Tanzania is Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa. On one of his many trips, Madsen had the opportunity to climb it.



Erik Madsen, PLA and Advanced Standing facilitator.

Photo by Debbie Cunningham

When he is not out travelling the world, Madsen spends his spare time pursuing his many other interests which include downhill and cross-country skiing, backpacking, hiking, wilderness camping and canoeing.

His usual place for camping is either Algonquin Park or around Killarney, Ont.

In order to get the time to travel, Madsen has taken a "four in five" at work.

This career option means a "20 per cent pay reduction spread over a five year period subsidizes a year off."

A year off would be the ideal vacation," says Madsen.

In the future, he says he would "like to go to Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, or South Africa."

Madsen, who holds a bachelor of arts and a master of public administration from Queen's University in Kingston, began his career at Niagara in 1977.

He started as a trainee for the Ontario Career Action Program (OCAP).

In January 1978, he became manager of Career House in Niagara Falls and in 1984, took the position of co-op counsellor within the college.

He worked providing services and teaching students in seven post-secondary programs until this summer when he accepted the position of PLA facilitator.

In The Loop conference Oct. 20

Transforming to 2025

By BOB GILES
Staff Writer

The second annual In The Loop Conference, Niagara College: Transforming for 2025, will be held at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls, Oct. 20 and 21.

In The Loop is a forum which examines issues such as educational funding, curriculum content priorities, federal-training initiatives, student placement and employment, regional development activity and the college's goals and priorities.

Registration for the college's advisory committees is from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 20, followed by a dinner prepared by the college's Cook Apprentices.

The guest speaker is Niagara College President John Saso. He will be speaking on the transformation of Niagara College.

The college's international students will present a program of entertainment about their home cultures (dance, costume and singing) after dinner.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, the guest speaker is Colin Campbell, an independent management training consultant from Toronto. He will be speaking on Jobs in the New Economy.

Participants can also register for one of many workshops for the day. A buffet lunch will be provided by Pat Hogan, the college's corporate chef.

The conference is open to members of the college's 56 advisory committees.

On Saturday, the workshops are open to students, free of charge, on a first-come basis for the first 200 people.

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Niagara Speaks

'What three things are YOU thankful for?'

By TRACY LAPRISE and
TERESA ARMSTRONG
Staff Writers

CHRISTINE GUSHIE

"Ottawa weekend, seeing my boyfriend in Pennsylvania and a break from no classes on Monday."

JOE DE ANGELIS

"God daughter, health and being accepted into my program."

STACEY SLAGHT

"Break from school, to go home to see my friends and family."

JUSTIN WOOD

"Country of Canada, parents and OSAP."

LINDSAY GAW

"Friends, family and seeing my boyfriend."

Placement essential

By JENNIFER MITCHELL
Staff Writer

Discovering how essential field placement is to their training as social service workers, benefited first-year students on a visit to the Oak Centre Clubhouse Sept. 29.

The visit is part of community orientation for the Social Service Worker program. It was developed to give students an idea of which field placements are available and what they might be like.

About 16 human service centres in the region participate in placement.

Phil Durrant, director of the Social Service Worker program, says supervised field placements are vital, offering students an increased sensitivity to the human service areas.

At the centre, 67 East Main St., Welland, the focus is on social rehabilitation for people Welland, Port Colborne, Wainfleet and Pelham. Members are experiencing serious, long-term, ongoing difficulties with their mental health.

The centre is divided into three units: cafe, communications, research and special services.

Students met co-directors Betty Farrish and Ru Tauro, clubhouse workers Angela Aston, Marcus Pineo and Lisa D'Aurizio.

"Niagara College has excellent students from the social service programs," says Tauro.

Pineo and D'Aurizio, Niagara College graduates, serve in the work and education resources unit — part of the special services unit. Aston is in the communications and research unit.

Members and workers act on an equal level to solve problems that might occur during a day at the centre. Members and staff interview students considered for placement.

About 40 students attended the orientation, touring in groups of eight or 10, often guided by centre members. Students broke into small groups to discuss the three units afterwards.

Rae Ann Warkentin, 21, says the orientation, "opens doors. It shows what is available to the students."

Kristen Goegan, 21, Kim Miller, 22 and Kelly Stevely, 21, agree the orientation is very interesting giving them a break from regular classwork. They say they enjoy their course and because they have a small, closely-knit group, they know each other well.

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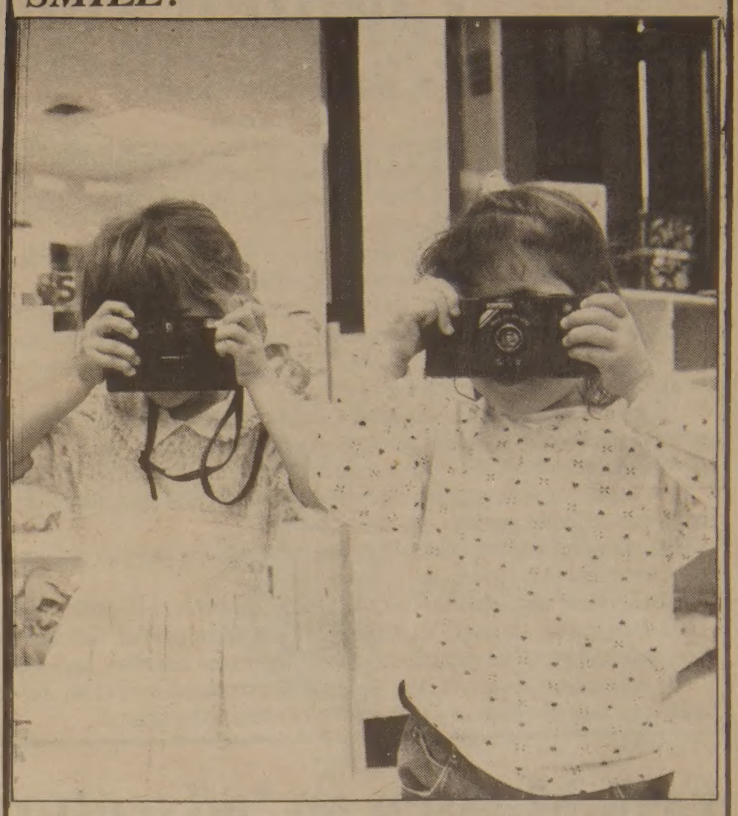

Shelby and Laura, both 3, are taking aim at their future. The two girls attend the Early Childhood Centre.

Photo by Ron Crowley

More O.J. reaction

Continued from Page 1

could have paid the jury off," said Bernie Schaub, 20, a second-year Business Administration program student.

"Happy, I don't think he did it, but I think he knows who did. I think it seemed like a game, it wasn't about whether or not he did it, it was a competition," said Wendi Manners, 19, a second-year LASA program student.

"I think it's good, I wanted O. J. to win. I knew all along that he'd get off. The case was a farce," said Brian White, 20, an Ambulance and Emergency Care program student.

"I was numb, I'm tired of all this O. J. garbage, I'm tired of seeing his face," said Mark DellaValle, 21, a third-year Broadcasting-Radio, Television and Film program student.

— With files from Teresa Armstrong, Lee-Ann Ayres, Tanya Bryan, Jason Chase, Kathleen Ferris and Erin Pinchin.

Recipes... Niagara College style

By SANDRA D'AMICO
Staff Writer

Move over Betty Crocker!

The Niagara College cookbook is nearing completion. On sale Dec. 8 for $8 per copy, proceeds will be used to help needy students.

Media and Design division secretary Uta Haley came up with the idea for the book. The cookbook committee worked fast to make it happen. "We're really excited about this," she said.

The cookbook will offer many delicious recipes submitted by college students and staff.

The Needy Student Assistance Fund, established in September 1994 by the Ontario Public Service Employees Union Local 242 (faculty), helped 15 needy students last year.

Although funds are supplemented by donations, the cookbook profits will boost the total.

"The more resources we have the more students we can help," said Brigitte Chiki, Niagara College's director of student life and success.

"It will go a long way in helping students who are in distress," she said.

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